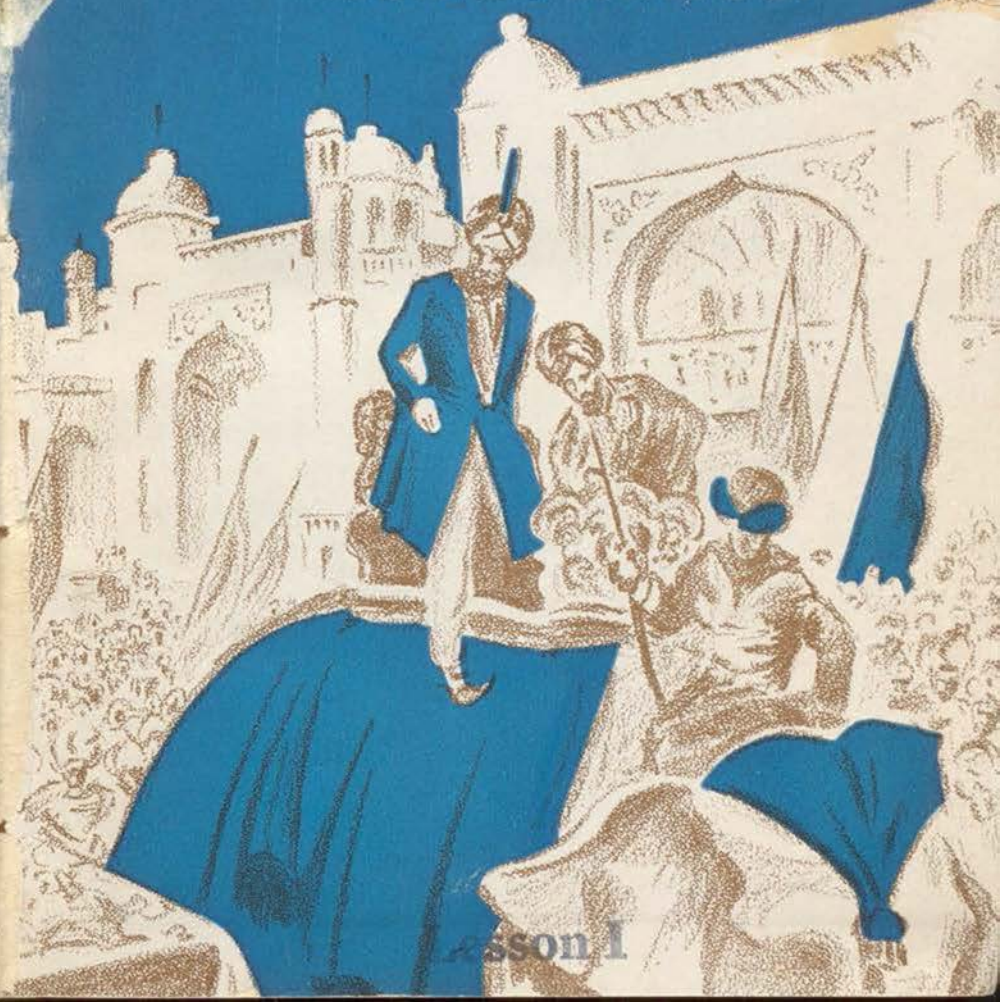


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LESSON I

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1. During our trip across the United States we visited twenty-six of the larger cities. There were sixty-five talks given in the short space of a few weeks. It was encouraging to observe the increasing interest expressed in Spiritual matters. At many cities the crowds could not be accommodated. This proves that people are thinking along these lines more than ever before. The range of questions covered a wide field extending from the activities of the older civilizations down to the beginning of the present time, its progress to date, and the plans and possibilities for future unfoldment. By far the most interest was shown in the spiritual phase of the work and that which pointed toward the true spiritual development.

2. The first question you have asked me today (the first day en voyage) concerns spirit photographs. It has been proved that the Spiritual form is the true

form. If we set up a physical form, which is the hypnotic influence, it will dematerialize immediately upon contact with any true form, or true existence, and the latter will pass right through it. It is what we materialize, or bring into existence through hypnosis that passes back and forth and varies from time to time. True Spirit never varies at all. Our sciences have no common denominator.

3. When our nature becomes one with Spirit there is no dematerialization at all. It is always in evidence.

4. The important fact in this matter is not that of so-called spirit-photography, nor the possibility of contacting the astral world. The important fact is what conditions in our own experience cloud the mind and distort the affairs of men everywhere. Both mental and psychic "influences" disturb the entire consciousness of man. They are both hypnotic, or foreign influences in the pure stream of life. It is only through the pure spiritual discernment, seeing through to things and people as they are in Spirit, that the "veil of the temple is rent" and life again returns to its native calm, its clarity, its reasonableness, its health, its true success and its mastery. The psychic is but the "cast off memory" of earth experiences, a sort of mental shadow of false earthly concepts. Earth ideas

whether incarnate or decarnate are just as hypnotic whether received through direct attention upon the world itself, or upon the realm of organized ideas emanating from earth experiences. Whether information is first hand or second hand, it is just as hypnotic if it is of a material nature. Only pure spiritual knowledge can liberate us from this hypnotic spell.

5. True materialization constitutes true Spirit. If you are out of the psychic condition it is a true condition. It is always in evidence and you simply respond to that condition. If there is a psychic demonstration or interest in it at all, you would not get a clear photograph. Spirit pictures are not clear because the vibratory influence is improperly functioning. The magnetic field is inharmonious. The fact that the features are quite clear in some cases would indicate that there was an approach toward harmonization.

6. Pictures that are not clear show definite psychic influence. If they were built up of complete vibrations they would have been complete. Without the medium one probably would have obtained true photographs as an earnest seeker for Truth alone would come into the accurate influence.

7. Only in dealing with light do shadows disappear, and only dealing in fact erases fiction. Back of every

created thing is the true spiritual archetype which is the only true and enduring form. Outer form becomes all that it may only when this architectural pattern is allowed to function through it without being molested by irrelevant thought being imposed into the process. It is the hypnosis of material thought that causes the distortions, the constant changes and fluctuations in human experience. It is the origin of all disease and failure. Truth is the movement of eternal and universal facts which never vary and when manifest man walks the earth in majestic perfection exercising his divine authority, speaking in unison with God and therefore he speaks and manifests the perfection of God.

8. Students or patients of teachers and practitioners have seen their teachers or practitioners appear before them when in a state of expectant help from them, even when they were separated by hundreds or even thousands of miles. These forms might have been even more clearly photographed than the pictures of so-called disembodied spirits. The reason we do not see the complete form in any experience is because we do not go completely through to become one with the person photographed in exactly his true form. It does not matter whether a person has passed away. If we will step right through the mist it will come

through in true form. No mechanical apparatus is necessary.

9. Every day over the radio the personality of a person is reproduced in a million homes. We hear the voice as though the person himself were there. With television the form is reproduced. In the spiritual ethers there is none of the limitation of the electric ethers and those occasionally or habitually attuned to this realm of spiritual reality transcend all limitation whether or not they know exactly what is happening. All limitation exists only as a delusion in the hypnotic state. Free in spiritual consciousness where only reality exists, there is not the slightest degree of limitation. In spirit one is present at any time or place for the three dimensions do not exist here. To understand this is to understand what Christ meant when he said "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." In a spiritual state anyone may contact him at any time.

10. To evaluate spirit-pictures from a scientific standpoint we would say that they are to show only that these forms can come to individuals on earth definitely and not ethereally. The moment you can *touch* the fabric of a garment, it can be just as definite as the one who *sees* it.

11. Whether you touch, taste, smell, hear or see a thing, it is the "seeing sense" of the mind that grasps it. When this seeing sense of the mind has been trained to the spiritual plane it is just as tangible to the outer mind of man as though it were what we call material. The plane of spiritual reality is only intangible because the nature of man has become dull under the hypnotic spell of illusion. Awake! Nothing is as it has seemed, but is in reality just what we have always hoped it to be.

12. Conan Doyle only went into the subject of psychic phenomena for the purpose of determining whether there was any definiteness in it. He published nothing but his experiences with psychic phenomena while in a psychic condition. Only two years before he passed away he found that a true spiritual condition could be completely definite outside of psychic phenomena altogether. The last two years were spent outside of the psychically phenomenal. His last letter proved that he had found the truth which he had sought.

13. The fakirs of India work under the hypnotic condition, but the Masters do not. They have nothing whatever to do with hypnotism or psychic phenomena. These things are wholly negative and unnecessary. We are unconscious of thousands of things

around us, and if we become sufficiently aware, we can get a photograph of Spirit at any time.

14. The fakirs work to intensify the hypnotic state of man's mind; the Masters work to clarify the mind and teach the manner of individual procedure that he may clarify his own mind to see reality as it IS. The fakir intensifies illusion, the Master removes it from his own mind and helps in its removal from the individual until he sees clearly the truly spiritual form of everything and everybody. This IS mastery. Hypnosis, whether materially or psychically induced, is slavery, but a false slavery at that for there is no genuine or enduring thing that holds man. Fixed attention is what holds.

15. The best method of approach toward your own development is a definite reverence for the true Spiritual condition coupled with determined effort toward IT and without taking a negative attitude toward IT. Those who have never dealt with the psychic can forge right through it. This is living true to an Ideal. Some who know nothing of a Spiritual condition surrounding them have been able to achieve remarkable results in a very short time. They simply stepped out of limitations. There is such subtlety in the hypnotic condition that some enter into it wholly and are caught before they are aware.

16. Hypnosis has a great deal to do with the matter of reincarnation. On the astral plane when the individual has not attained complete freedom from his previous experiences he is more or less influenced by this former mental bias in the selection of time and place of re-birth. However, he finally becomes aware of that true state beyond the influences of hypnosis and drops it altogether. He is then free to make intelligent selections. This definite knowledge is sometimes gained through repeated incarnations, enabling the individual to establish a true spiritual condition in his new cycle of experience. While under the influence of hypnosis, whether incarnate or decarnate, it is easy to become badly mixed in psychism and psychic phenomena. In such a state the individual sometimes demands reincarnation. This, coupled with the added influence of his elders, causes the individual's mind to become so additionally clouded, as to lose sight of the true purpose for which he came into this plane.

17. When an individual has sufficiently shaken off his former earth experience and enters into a new period of incarnation, he has a much better chance to retain his memory of the truly spiritual. When he attempts to force his way back into the manifest plane, that in itself proves he is acting under hypnosis just as he did in the world before, and being already

hypnotized from this previous experience he comes into this next existence severely handicapped and is easy prey to world influence.

18. Karma belongs in the same general category. It is a manifestation only, a part of hypnosis, and can be overcome instantly if we will. It has no existence in Spirit. It is well outside of the spiritual condition as Spirit is ALL. It is only through our thoughts that we concern ourselves with it. But it is the spiritual Self that must do the willing in such a case. One standing true in Spirit never goes through any of these conditions. There is no material and no psychical in Spirit. These are only brought about by suggestion. We must realize the oneness of Spirit, and then the material and the psychical are erased completely. Karma originated from the thought that whatever we realize must exist. It is wholly negative, and it was thought necessary to erase negative statements. We now find, however, that if we refuse them any energy by withdrawing thought from them, and the energy thereby released is applied to build a better spiritual condition, the negative thoughts eliminate themselves. We need not go back to give power to a mistake. Where there is no karma there is no sin. Sin is built only through suggestion or thought. It is but one tone of our vibratory field, and is in a low rate

of vibration. When you step above, into the next vibration, there is no such discord.

19. Knowledge erases ignorance from the mind; once out of the mind it has no access to the body. Having no expression through the body, it has no influence in the world. Therefore it is nil. Try to discover where the erroneous belief that two plus two equals five goes when you learn that two plus two equals four. Truth becomes its own manifestation and there are no illusions in the process.

20. It is found today that the grasses and trees, and most vegetation, have a peculiar vibration or song. In that song no inharmonious note is struck. It is all harmony. There is evidence there of the harmony of the whole universe, because these respond in the same octave. If you take seven of these notes and produce in the eighth the result of influence of those seven, you will find that they all vibrate in unison, and you can strike them all without a discord. The eighth note is also the beginning of a new field as well as the completion of the lower.

21. The practices of suggestion and auto-suggestion are wholly influences which are brought about by the sixth stage of hypnotic influence. Auto-suggestion has to do with individual consciousness only as it concerns the individuals who use it.

22. There are seven steps for reaching the plane of the Masters. In other words there are seven steps one may take in dehypnotizing himself that he may become Master:

1st. The knowing step, knowing that we belong in that field.

2nd. The establishment of ourselves in that definite situation, never allowing a negative thought or deed to get into that field of action.

3rd. A clear concept of positive thinking. This involves the theory that one must arise beyond the first two steps he is already out of it. This does not include mantrams or the entoning practices. They belong almost wholly in the category of auto-suggestion. Positive thinking toward the plane of spiritual perfection as an already existing fact seems to be the ideal way.

4th. The projection of your vision to that very focal point. Meditation plays a part, but true meditation begins when you have brought your attention to that one focal condition.

5th. Complete silence. It is not necessary to sit in the silence always because the next step after you

have so focalized the attention is silence to the extent that you exclude everything except that very thought. This is not a matter of making mental pictures and visualizing for such practices are hypnotic. You are getting into the objective.

6th. Becoming one with your Ideal. You must be actually one with your Ideal in that you lose sight of the physical, the material, and all conditions that sway you. That is your samadhic condition. That is a true state of consciousness which anyone can come into if he will release the physical.

7th. Your complete universality. Thus you expand to take in the whole universe where you see it as Spirit. You become one with that very Thing. In that state you will always see THAT LIGHT, and your body will release light. That is Illumination.

23. Many persons who can see light in their bodies during meditation have gone through the process before. That is the beauty and simplicity of it all. Jesus did not even need the steps. He showed these steps to his disciples, and then showed them that they could realize their mastery completely.

24. There has always been a great deal of speculation pro and con regarding the use of the statement "I am God." Is it helpful, blasphemous, or hypnotic?

A declaration of Truth is never hypnotic because you are above even the twelfth range of hypnotism. You cannot erase that declaration at all because it is True, and you cannot destroy its effect.

25. Hypnotism is the result of dealing with that which is false to the spiritual scheme of life. That which is true to the facts could only strengthen reality in the consciousness of the individual who speaks facts. If you see a rose, smell it, touch it, or contact a petal, the stem, leaves, the plant or the root, or the entire plant, do you not say: "Behold nature"? Through one contact you admit the entire process emanating from, contained within, and all that is back of it. It is only through this process of continually connecting the part with the whole that you declare it "NATURE." If God is the Great ALL, the "I am that I am and beside me there is none other," is not each part of His manifestation or emanation of Himself GOD? But you do not say of the plant or any part thereof that it is the only existing "NATURE." Yet each single plant, or individual part of a plant, does embody the whole. The thing to be remembered is that the emanation is not the whole thing. The individual should dwell upon this comparison until he sees that he cannot truly admit anything but that which is eternally and universally true embraces himself, and he is included in the whole. By whatever name the

Universe is called, he must also bear that same name.

26. But if the statement were untrue or erroneous it would be your own fault. It is not necessary for you to deny that error. You just remove the thought from it. A true declaration stands. There is nothing you can do to change that fact. It is far better to make your declaration truly positive, as in such case you become in a very short time sufficiently discriminative to determine accurately what it is you want to do. It takes energy from you when you deny anything. It is more constructive to use that energy for building.

27. Making such a high statement as "I AM GOD" may be startling and upsetting to your realm of common thought. It may even disturb your conscience a bit, but looking deeper into your nature you will find something deeper than all the common habits known to you which completely sanctions what you have said, for it is of this innermost self that such a statement is made. The earth trembles at the voice of God. Keep making your declaration, looking for this deepest sanction, until you burn out all thought and feeling in between and you find its radiant, clear Truth.

28. Outward desire is the twelfth stage of hypnosis. If your desire is truly spiritual all you need is to hold your vision securely upon it. That is what Jesus meant by never wavering. "Pray without ceasing" is wrong. The moment you make the statement "I am God," you are making a true statement: Standing true to that statement is what He meant. Jesus never deviated. His vision was clearly accurate. That is what he meant by "Praying without ceasing."

29. Desire is negative and is only indicative of the positive fact which lies back of it as a seed exists within a flower. This refers to true desire and not to the fleeting desires arising from hypnosis. The desire to "be perfect even as our Heavenly Father is perfect" contains within itself the fact that "I am perfect, even as my Father is perfect," but we in our vision must go within the desire, back of all stages of hypnosis, until we see and speak from that fact.

30. We function in nine octaves. Three are complete. They include all of the others, and are states of consciousness or values. You include all vibration in Samadhi.

31. The six stages of hypnosis are: (6) Auto-suggestion. (5) Thought projection. (4) Self-aggrandizement at the expense of others. If I concentrate up-

on doing my fellow man a bad turn and you pick up that influence and take something—money perhaps—from another it will turn back upon me. (3) Degradation. (2) Carrying on illicit conversations. (1) Black magic—influencing another consciously.

32. You can cure certain diseases through the sixth and fifth stages of hypnotism, and from there on the hypnotic influences would prove increasingly detrimental. The cures cannot, of course, be permanent, and when used in operations the reflex—the reaction—is greater each time.

33. It is beneficial as a group to individually or collectively unite in thought for peace, or any other condition that is for the universal good. Such individual or combined work is exceedingly helpful and is a beneficial influence according to the extent of realization and the Truth of its practice.

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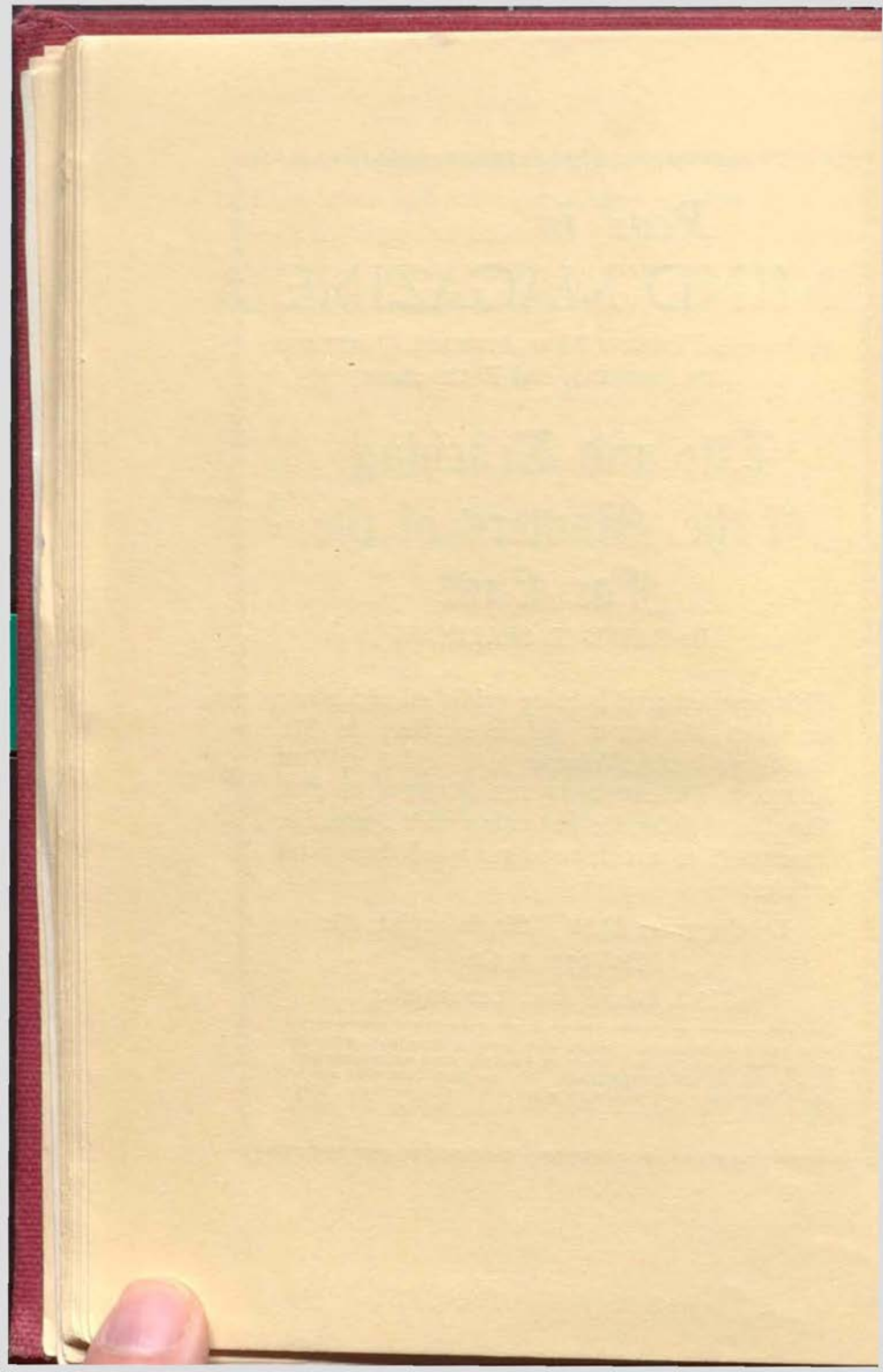
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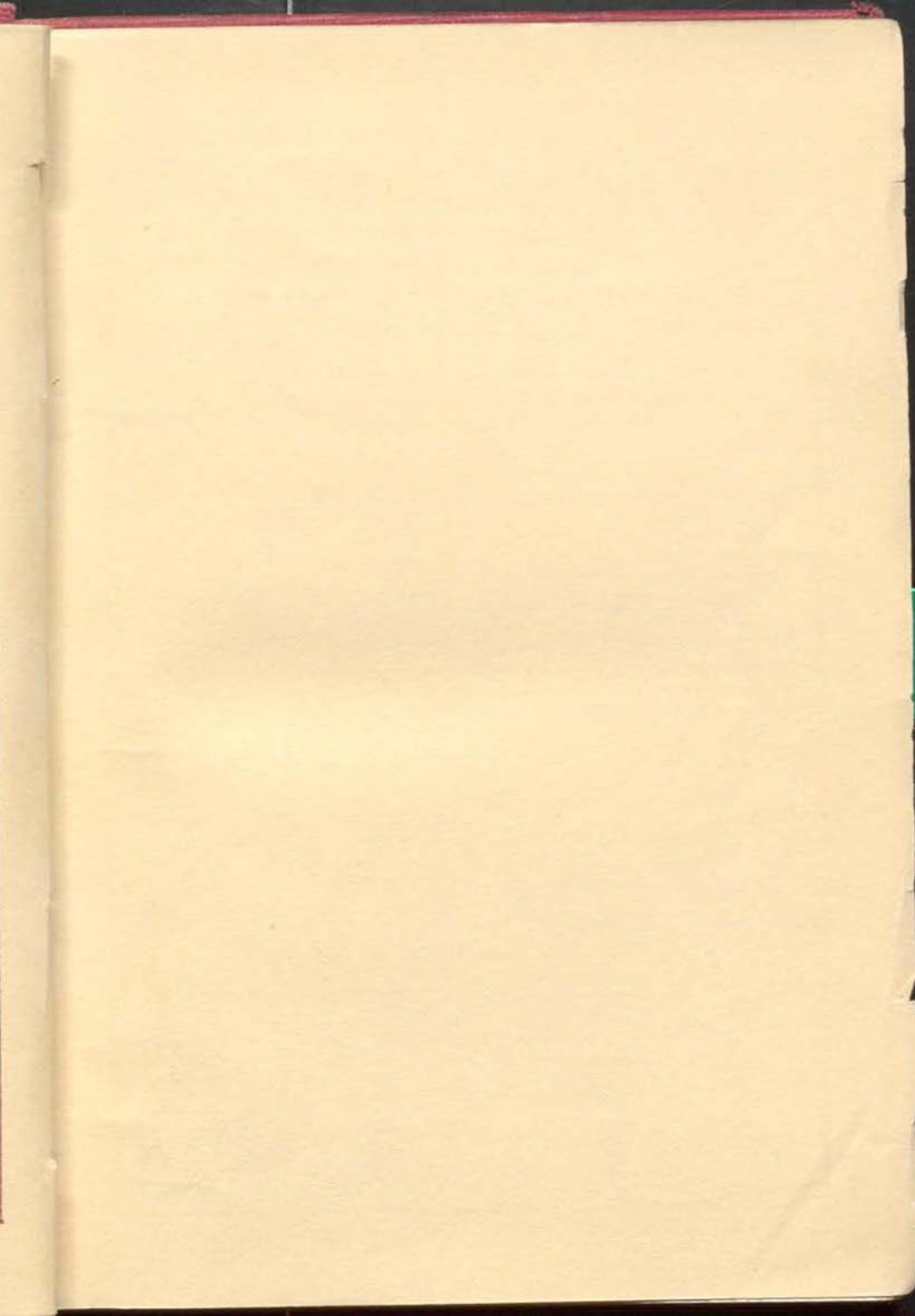
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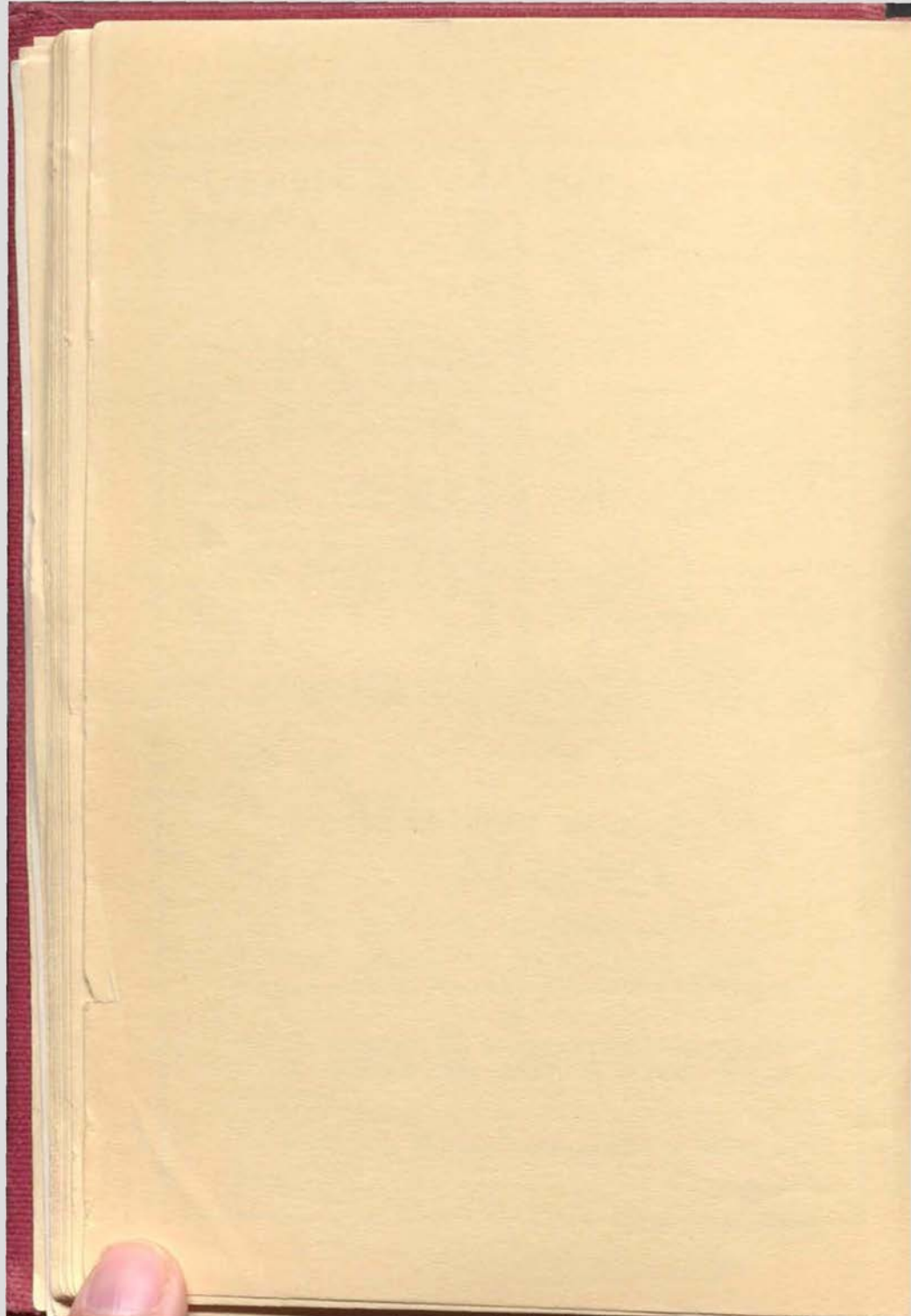
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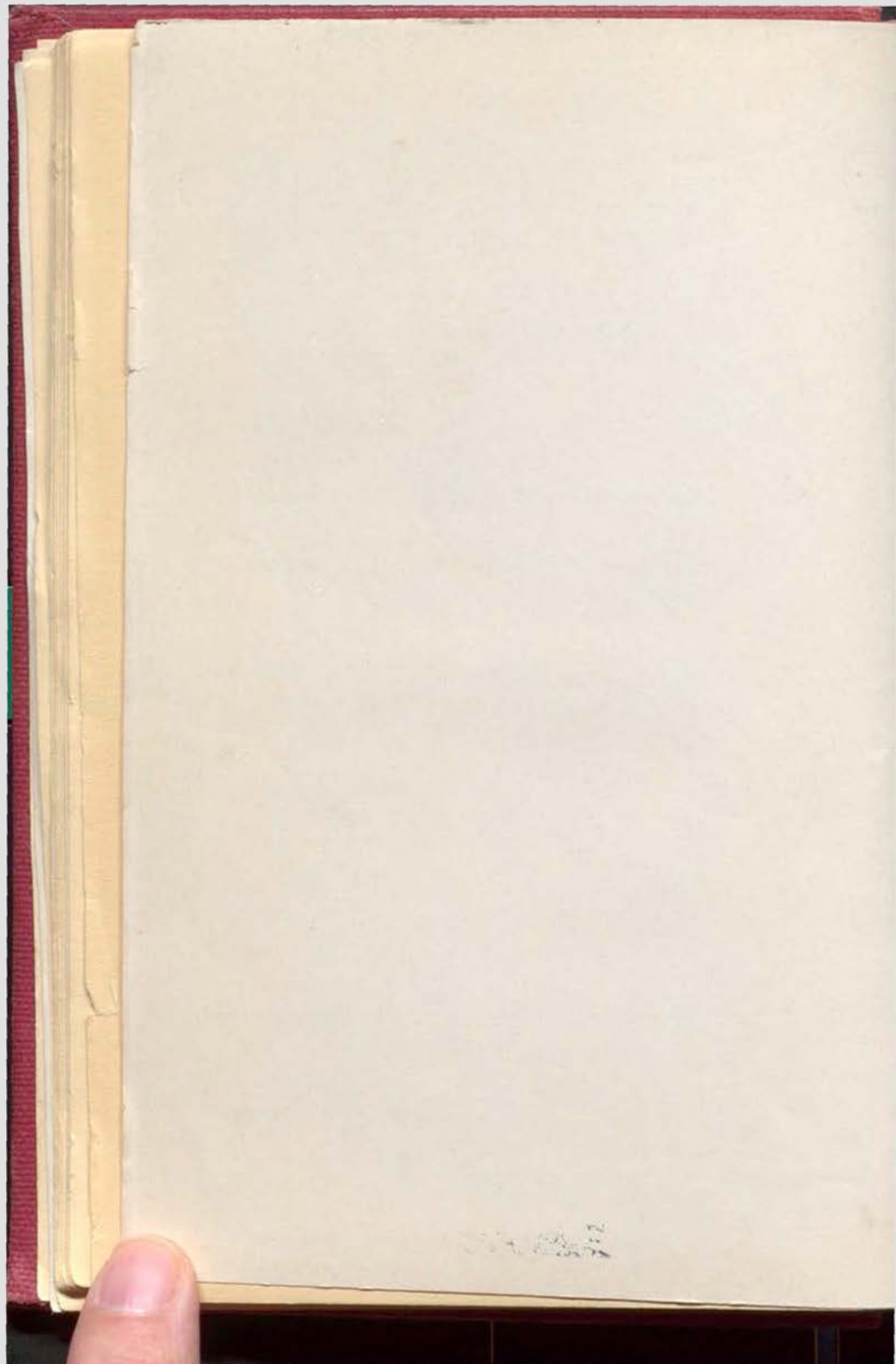
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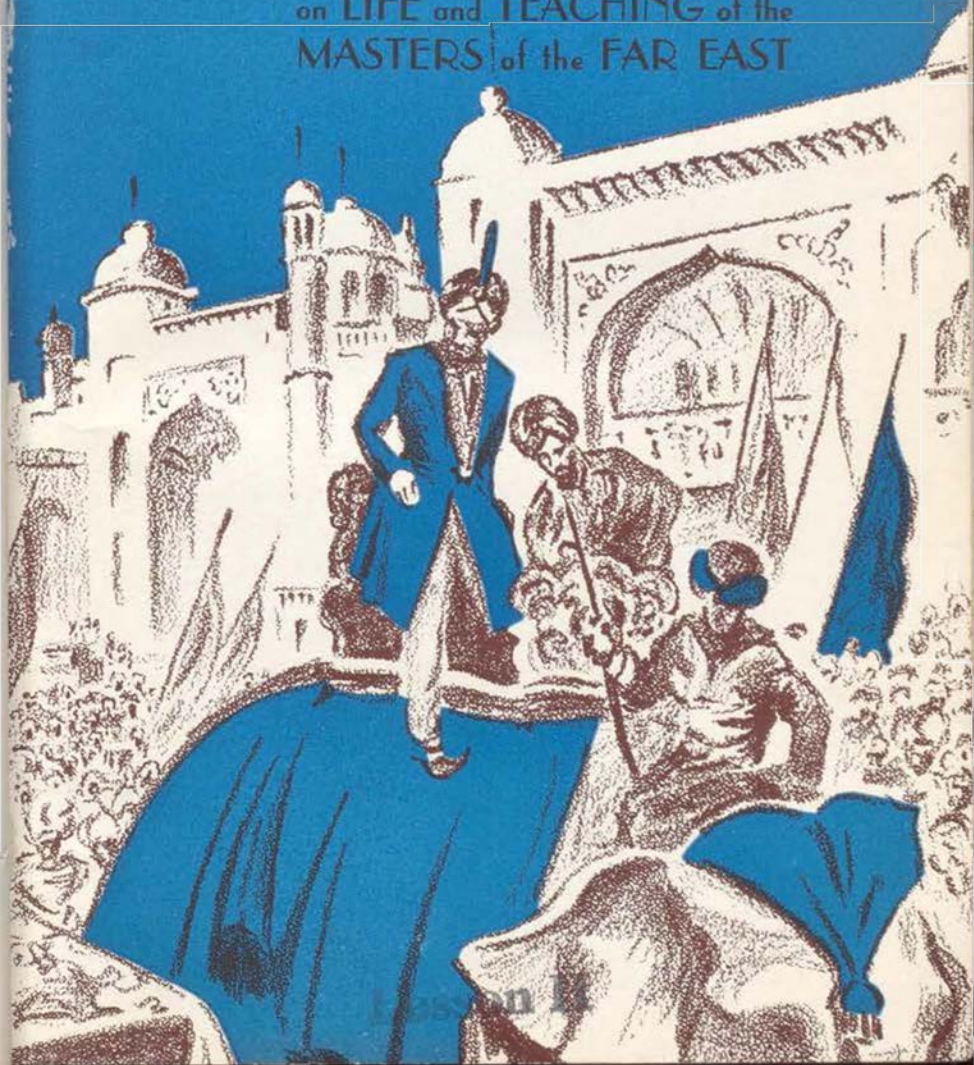
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LESSON II

WORLD PEACE AND HOW IT CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT

1. Before going further in the study of certain underlying laws and facts regarding the teachings of the Masters, it is well to consider the scope their vision covers. One must enlarge his mind and outlook upon life to that in which the Masters work in order to fully understand the full purport of their teachings. Lessons II and III will deal chiefly with the field to be taken into consideration and the general trends of mankind in order that we may fully adapt ourselves to the work that is before us. It is necessary to know the nature and scope of a field of work before selecting the tools and laying down a plan for tending the field. We must know to what the field is adapted, what crops are to be raised, and to what end the cultivation is to be directed. There must be a purpose back

of all work, and it is far beyond the reaches of what we commonly call our own individual nature. Each man's nature in one way and another is vitally associated with the life and well being of every other individual in the world, and what affects one must in some degree affect the rest of humanity.

2. I rather feel that this discussion of peace should be very general because everyone is interested. The fact is that the world is becoming peace-minded, and that people are saying that we have had enough of war. They are taking a reverse attitude today, and the majority of people are against war. You seldom hear an expression in favor of Italy or Mussolini today, and every expression is in favor of Ethiopia. Mussolini is the aggressor, and is making an aggressive move, but only to "save his face." If he persists in this war it will inevitably lead to Italy's dissolution.

3. This sweeping tide of human interest in that which will promote and guarantee peace is the inevitable working out of the Universal Law which always moves to promote the common good. God is no respecter of persons and this awakening of men along peace lines is their response to the movement of the Spirit of Peace which is fostered by the Masters. Only as the individual identifies himself with Universal Law can he expect to find his individual good for it is inseparably united with the common good.

4. There is a great brotherhood throughout the world who have been working for peace for thousands of years. They are back of every movement for world peace and are becoming stronger and stronger all the time. They now have 144 groups throughout the world. There is always one central unit as a first or centralizing unit, and twelve units which surround that unit giving it more force and power. They are working also for the enlightenment of the whole world.

5. These groups are really composed of human beings who are actuated by the high thought of the White Brotherhood. All of these groups work together. There is a very strong thought coming to the whole world for peace and enlightenment as well.

6. There are many misconceptions regarding the White Brotherhood. It must be first understood that they never make themselves known as such, nor are they exclusively back of any outer organization or organizations. They are Universal in their function and purpose. They definitely work with the Universal Law to the universal ends, and any individual or group working toward the same ends without selfish or group motives may receive their full support. This support may be known on the part of man, but it is more likely to come in the form of an unknown stimulus. That is, the help is not likely to assume the form

of that coming from any definite place or person. Those receiving this support are conscious only of the help or influence.

7. Practically all other nations, including Japan, in the present crisis have moved wisely with the exception of Russia. They have given the world time to realize what it means if it should be embroiled in another war. This has been a wise attitude on the part of all nations.

8. The League of Nations originally was an instrument of the White Brotherhood, but it has been misused in many ways by certain nations and individuals. It will, however, come back under the guidance of the Brotherhood before long.

9. The League of Nations has proved very effective. Politics enter into the picture and change the face of it somewhat, but it is following the plan more closely now than ever before.

10. The League will be forced into the open to assert itself positively on important issues very soon. If it fails to assert itself or if it takes the wrong side it will pass into the discard. I firmly believe, however, that it will be forced to publicize the influences that are working derogatorily as the pawn and instrument of those influences.

11. The time has come when there can be no half-way ground in this purification of the race. A better understanding of what happens when men array themselves against the Universal Order will be found in Chapter V, Vol. III, *Life and Teaching of the Masters of the Far East*. Whether or not individuals or groups array themselves against the common good in this day, the mills of God grind swiftly at times and also finely. Only from the siftings shall the selfish and aggressively grasping rear a new life's structure. It were far better to unify oneself with purely creative motives that contribute to universal good and thereby shall good come to the individual.

12. In its present position outside the League of Nations the United States can throw more weight into the balance. This country is destined for many great things. Right now it is standing by, prepared to throw its full weight into the balance for peace at any time. These are the reasons why the United States has been kept out of the League, and why it probably never will come into the League.

13. The League of Nations has brought the nations of the world together. It was organized originally to bring Europe together, getting it out of the turmoil and into a better attitude of thought.

14. You are going to see the inception of a great move toward universal peace and understanding dur-

ing the next two years. It will come so simply that there will be little internal strife.

15. Often the influences working in Universal ideas come into being without much notice. It is something that seems to germinate and move forward as a contagion while the minds of many are still so engrossed in other things that they do not notice the change. Then all of a sudden each individual seems to realize that it has come into being and that it is in exact accord with his own secret thoughts. Thus he very often slips into the new order rather unknowingly. The point is to be alert to these secretly developing forces within oneself and in the race, and here one will find the key to his most rapid progress and most vital service in the universal cause.

16. India has maintained peace by using methods identical to those used by these 144 groups about which I have spoken. It was brought about originally by twelve groups which have expanded to twelve times twelve. The influence of these bodies has been very great, entering into the whole fabric of Indian thought. Their work from the outer point of view has been largely educational. They release information orally which is acted upon under their direction. Results prove the efficacy of this method. The theme of their direction is that peace IS HERE.

17. Gandhi studied the situation of non-violence (which is really entering into the outer practice of the pronouncement of the Universal movement that "PEACE IS HERE") for twenty years before he began his work, becoming a very deep student of it. The principle has been in existence in India for 600 years. Because of the Untouchables it was brought about through Gandhi in this generation. Gandhi went among the Untouchables, teaching non-violence, making it an effective force. The younger generation took it up immediately. They recognized the great effect of it, and it spread throughout all India. The younger generation now have brought it before the people stronger than ever. This will eventually result in the dissolution of the caste system. The Untouchables became quite an issue there as they numbered some 65,000,000 and it became necessary because they were of such powerful influence. Gandhi has been almost entirely responsible for their present emancipation.

18. The doctrine of non-resistance was something that he could present to them to gain their attention. He told them that when they used the spinning wheel they enjoyed prosperity, so that if they would go back to the conditions which existed when the spinning wheel was in vogue they would discover the key to prosperity in the present. He did not intend that they should retrogress to spinning wheel methods.

19. The people in the twelve groups who are working for world peace are people of a very high spiritual understanding. One man of each group is always prominent as one of spiritual attainment.

20. There are some sixty in the United States who definitely belong to this association. They are very quiet concerning their connection with it. They do not give out the place of their group meetings or any information concerning their activities.

21. This is why many people are more or less credulous concerning the great work being done by the illumined. They are so accustomed to outer show and display that they cannot imagine any great work being done in such a quiet, simple manner. But if one will stop to think for just a moment he will realize that all the motivating forces of the Universe are silent, and those who work consciously with these forces move according to Its motives. There will come a time, however, when they will work more openly, but that will be when there are enough illumined people to know and understand just what they are doing. Study your own experiences. Are you not aware that silent influences working underneath the surface of your own being are those forces which control your life more than the outwardly manifest things which you express in words? However, just as these silent "broodings" of your own inner nature

eventually find their outer expression when you are in an environment which harmonizes with them, you do not hesitate to express them. Study yourself and you will find everything working in you just as it is in the race. "What the Father sees in secret, he will reward you openly" is not an idle statement, but it reveals the manner in which all things come into being in the outer world. To understand this fact will not only be to better understand yourself, but also the manner of the universal spiritual work that is going on underneath the surface all the time. It is only through adapting oneself to this sort of conscious procedure that he will be able to clearly trace the workings of the Secret Brotherhood. Their activities are hidden only to those who do not discern the mode of accomplishment. We are accustomed to noise and display and the quiet yet most powerful forces in ourselves and the world about us go unnoticed. We follow the noisy people into bypaths, and lose the path of life that moves in stillness through our own individual being.

22. This Brotherhood is not properly an organization as anyone can belong who will work constructively either openly or silently for peace. It is rather an association of kindred spirits. The White Brotherhood is co-operating, but no one knows how far-reaching the influence of this Body is upon the activities of that group. They co-operate, in fact, as

does the group, with an association or organization that is for the benefit of mankind or the advancement of humanity.

23. The group in India works silently, but it is its influence that brings these bodies together and coordinates their activities. It was the activity of this very group that brought the Nobel Peace Prize before the world.

24. Tolstoy was a great factor in making this principle practically effective. But it has always been presented through the nine rulers of India. Tolstoy was an advanced soul. He was working with the great Central Group all the time.

25. While no one knows its exact location, that Thirteenth Group has always been a very dominant factor in world education. That group of twelve are working in every educational center in the world.

26. These groups are not an organization here or anywhere that makes propaganda for world peace. It was seen that the spoken word, or the silent word, when sent out to the world was of far greater influence than the written word. The written word can be garbled. The spoken word is an ever-expanding and ever-increasing influence.

27. Here again is the wisdom of the wise which has always been in evidence. So long as constructive forces work in "secret" they grow unnoticed by those who would destroy their effect. The world does not realize the advance of constructive force until it has already undermined the sordid structures of the selfish and self-seeking, and then it is too late. At the time of their helpless disintegration and only then are the activities of the Brotherhoods likely to come out into the open to strengthen the Truth in the minds of all the people. This is not done through fear of attack, but through wisdom of the most powerful manner to bring about any great constructive movement for world betterment. The selfish have no access to it until it is too late.

28. The modern emancipation and enfranchisement of women is one of the greatest factors in bringing about world peace. Woman has always been a factor in the spiritual advancement of mankind, but now that she can work openly with a voice equal to that of man's, the balance in favor of peace will be overwhelming.

29. The emancipation of the Untouchables is only the first phase of Gandhi's outer work. He is again working in silence, and you will all see him carrying on a greater work than that soon. These activities are but the beginning.

30. Another significant fact is that India has been given a new constitution. It gives India much greater self-determination, perhaps, greater than the older British Dominions. India will, in a very short time, be completely free of British rule. This will be brought about by England's voluntarily giving India her freedom. There will be little or no strife or bloodshed.

31. In a sense all those who are working for India's freedom or for the freedom and peace of the world are Avatars, as the Western World looks at the Avatars. Many of the Great Ones have been disseminating this teaching for thousands of years. Jesus has been and is working definitely for the betterment of the whole world.

32. The reason many people in the Western World do not recognize the work of Avatars is that they conceive of them as only working on the surface, saying and doing spectacular and miraculous things among them. They do not know that the true miracles are always worked out in silence first.

33. Regarding arbitration as an instrument for world peace this movement was started in the Panjab of India. It is a powerful instrument of world peace. It has completely outlawed aggression. India never did use an aggressive attitude, never did encourage open warfare in their territory at all, and the Panjab

was the greatest influence back of this whole movement. It has been maintained throughout India for about three thousand years. Non-aggression and arbitration have been proved practical.

34. W. J. Bryan, consciously or unconsciously actuated by the silent influence, succeeded in getting peace treaties with all but four nations. This has since been reduced to three. So far no national character has since dared to take up his work. It looks as though Gandhi will take it up now and organize a Board that will have complete authority from the peace societies and groups working unselfishly for world peace. Henry Ford is connected with all of these groups unofficially. It is well known that he has five people who meet with the different peace boards. Mr. Cameron is one of the most active of these.

35. If all the financial world were to get behind this movement for peace it would be the greatest influence for peace. There could then be no finances for war. It would be impossible to finance war and hence there could be no war. If business men everywhere would adopt Ford's policy it would inevitably lead to better conditions. Business conditions would improve if Ford's co-operative system were to be adopted universally. There could be no booms and no more depressions. It would also be a great influence in the abolition of war. As a matter of fact, co-opera-

tion is coming into existence today. The people who do not co-operate and align themselves with the new order will be outlawed completely. But a simpler system than Ford is using, or is yet able to use, is coming into existence, and can now be seen by those who have eyes to see.

36. Following this spreading tendency to outlaw war, people will have their eyes opened to the causes of war which are in the sole promotion of group or national advantages. This practice of non-co-operation will also be outlawed as a contributing cause of war. This brings the whole thing right down to the individual, and each one must outlaw his own selfishness and self-seeking at the expense of others. He as an individual will find that the best way to promote his own interest is to promote the common interest, and the only way to preserve his own good is to preserve the good of the whole. This silent tendency is being awakened on a broad scale in these times, and the close of the depression and its influences will come when this motive has become the outer conduct of men and women everywhere. But each individual must find its beginning in himself, and one who will earnestly search his own soul will find the embryo of this movement increasing in his own nature every day. Spreading from individual to individual it will grow into a mighty world movement and will be the ultimate motive in all human activities. Just as the

individual who does not obey this eternal trend of his own inner nature is destroyed, so will groups, institutions, religious organizations, races and nations be disintegrated, leaving the world for those who love the law of God and live that law in relationship to every other man and nation.

37. The Epic movement of Sinclair is a movement in the right direction. It is a straw that shows which way the wind is blowing, but it is ill-advised in many ways because of the secular situation included. It is not to the advantage of all. His greatest weakness is in his own ranks; they will not pull together.

38. In all these modern movements it is so clearly revealed that the change must be first in the individual, for unless his own nature is properly correlated with the movement back of outer conduct, he becomes a disintegrating factor in any movement that might otherwise accomplish untold good. One can scarcely do anything in the way of accomplishing universal peace, until he has found peace within his own nature, and he cannot find peace in his own nature until he has been still long enough to truly touch the working out of unseen forces which move toward the common good.

39. There is no question but that the individual first must be at peace. Not only that, but he must realize what it means to the individual as well as to

the nation. If he is centralized in that idea of peace, he projects that influence and he becomes one of the great moving factors of the spiritual development of the age. The peace movement is one of the most definite factors toward spiritual enlightenment as well.

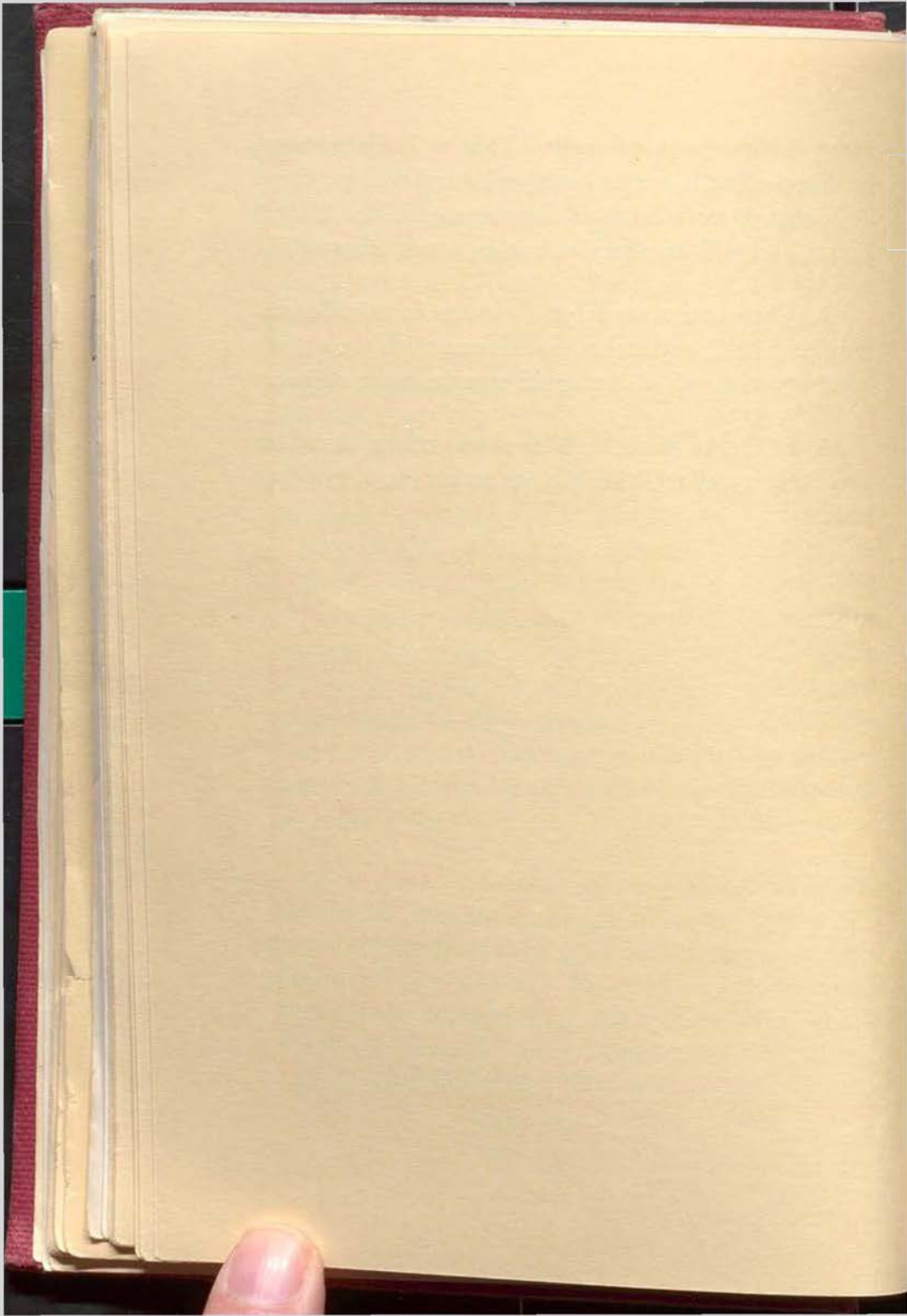
40. It is evident that our President is in sympathy with this general movement toward peace, and his program is as effective a one as could be utilized under the circumstances. Politics will be broken down completely with this new system that is coming. But so long as the present political set-up endures no really effective program can be launched and carried to a successful conclusion. Everyone who keeps in step with the trend of the times is receiving all the help he is capable of receiving from these higher forces. Some of them receive this help consciously, some unconsciously, but nevertheless the help is there. Some have gone so far that they know and acknowledge this help.

41. Political parties, in the working out of the underneath movement of constructive forces, will probably merge into one great party for greater simplicity of government. These changes must come through our party system, moving into single chamber legislation and not divided. "A house divided against itself shall fall." That will eradicate a great

many of our political evils. This will all originate within the States due to changes brought about there. It is coming as a national movement in the United States, and will be effective within a very short time.

42. There is no need for a change in our Constitution. The Constitution is sufficient with the proper interpretation of it. It could not be more elastic.

43. PEACE IS HERE! When we relate ourselves definitely to that Principle, it makes us a working unit.



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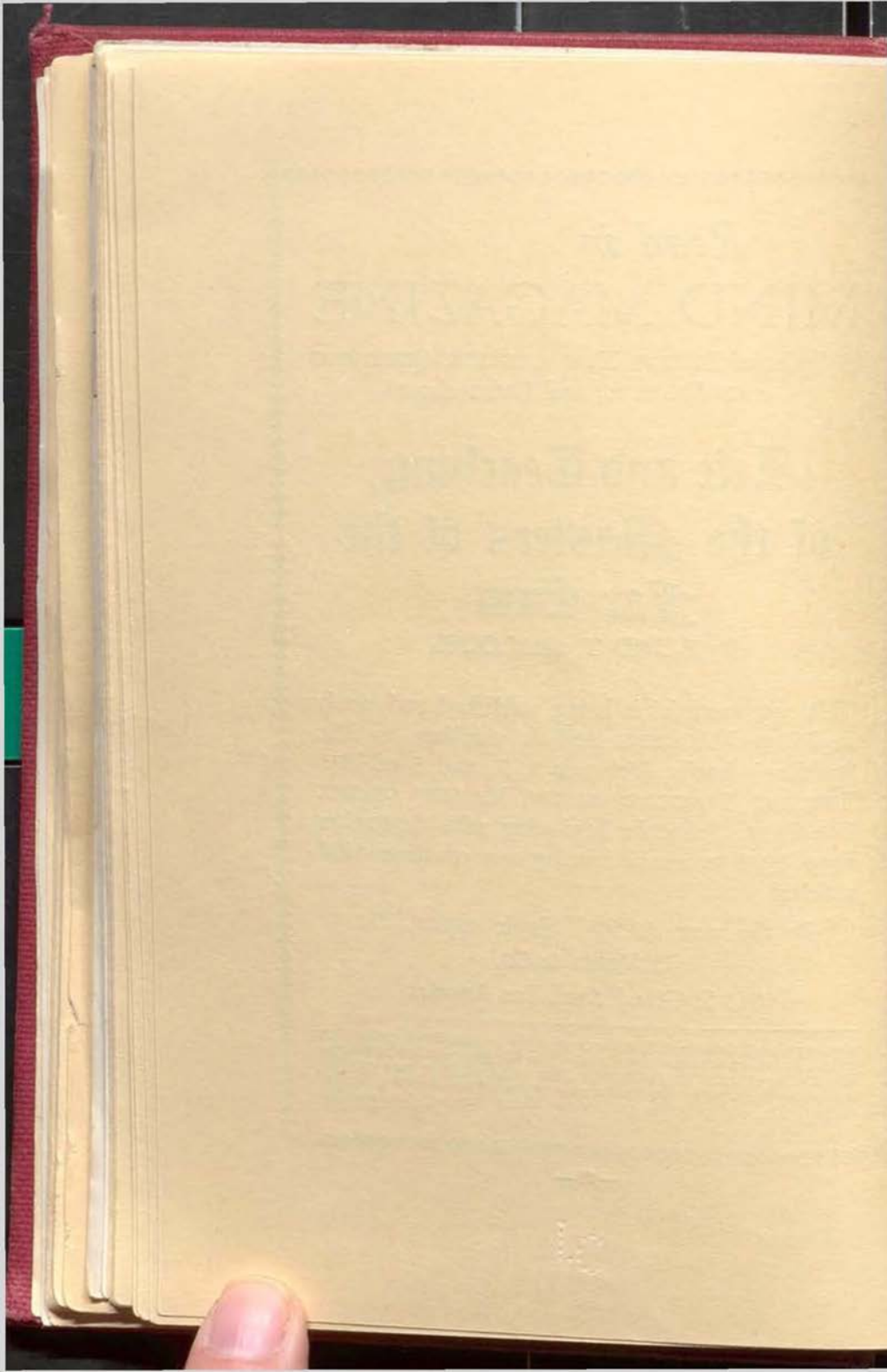
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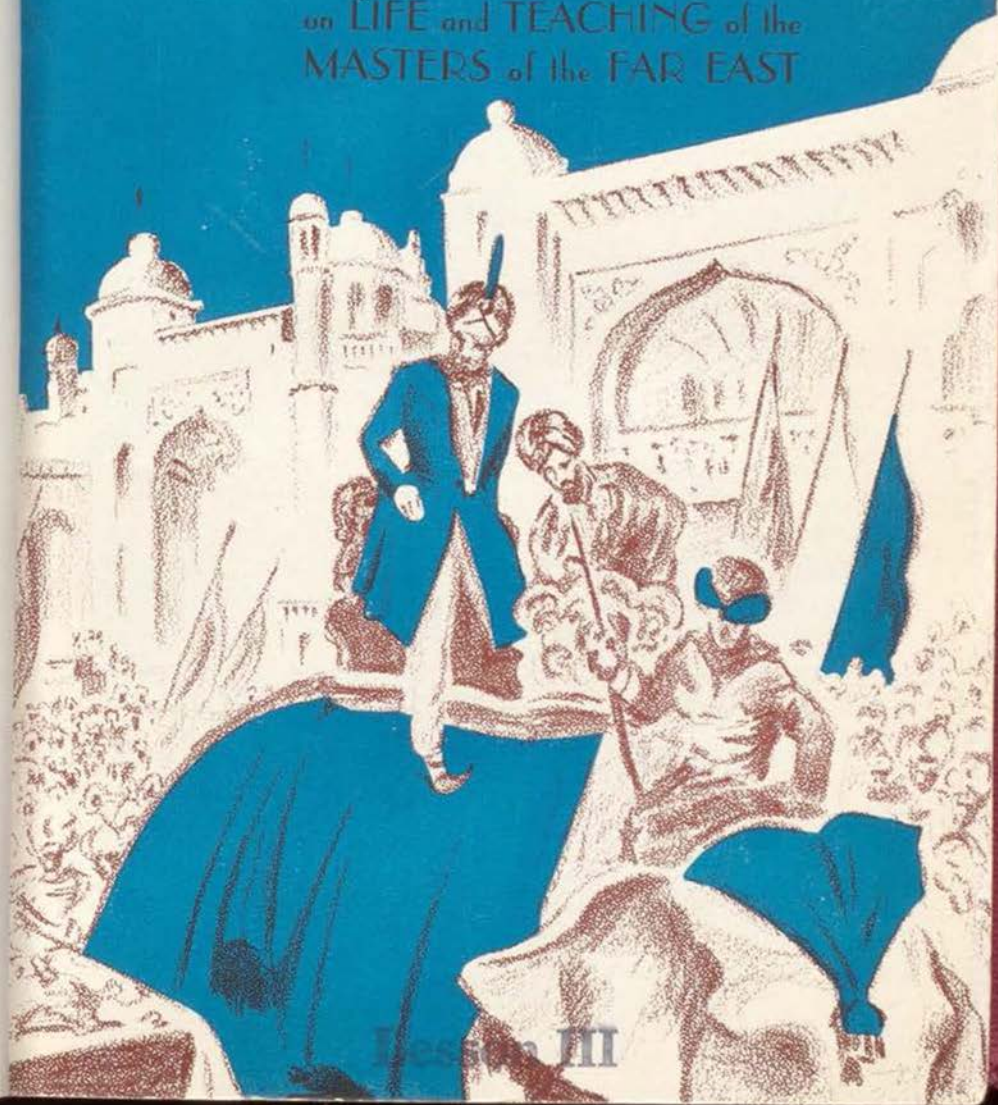
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THE BASIS OF COMING SOCIAL RE-ORGANIZATION

1. In taking up this subject of social re-organization we will begin with Hawaii and the situation there. There is a great similarity in the thought of the Hawaiian people and our own, especially when brought about by experiences. You can take an Hawaiian anywhere in the ocean that you want and you cannot lose him. Never have they gone out in their canoes but that there was at least one man in that canoe who could get quiet any time and tell where they were as though they had the best compass in the world in that canoe. It was the concern of the others to work the boat and his business to pilot it at all times. They have brought this capacity down through the ages with them.

2. At one time we took one of the Hawaiians out into the Atlantic Ocean where he had never been before and discovered that this sense of direction was bred in him. We put this man in a boat with sailors who knew nothing of navigation and he directed them to the Cape Verde Islands hundreds of miles away. The Hawaiians keep quiet and find a solution readily. They use this quality very definitely.

3. The great inventive capacity of the American mind is the functioning of this same sense. The difference lies chiefly in the field into which it is directed. Also we are all making use of it to a much larger extent than we realize. When we know how we naturally function and then proceed to consciously work in harmony with ourselves, we will make much greater progress in every direction. Did you ever note how you yourself very often function in certain ways through an inner sense, or hunch, or feeling, and then all the reasons develop afterwards which show the whys and wherefores? Many people try to think it all out first, then they never do anything but think, for there is no apparent solution for anything until after it has been done. The feeling that it can be done, or that it should be done, or it were better so and so is the first activity of this sense, and if one would be still the rest of the information would come, completing his whole plan of action. Then the intellectual explanation or the thoughts defining the process would be

readily formulated. The reasoning mind, as we commonly know it, only travels over the same grounds it has previously been over, but reason is never complete until this other sense is taken into account. The new social order will come just as the inventor's ideas come. It will be a flash of revelation, so to speak, and then the mind may put it together and carry it out. Man's description for this new order will be complete only as it is in operation. Reason is descriptive, but this other sense sees and goes beyond reason, opening the way for larger reason.

4. This is not a phase of the super-conscious as many style it, nor is it a phase of the sub-conscious. It is the power to penetrate into either. With the Hawaiians it is a perfectly conscious thing. It is brought about by involution. It is presented to them, and is worked out through them. When they used to go on foot around the islands, before they had transportation at all, they would go to a place where they were needed. I have seen forty or fifty of them go across the island to find that some of their people were in trouble there. Sometimes their friends across the island would come to them. They never missed in those things. They were in constant touch with each other all the time. I have inquired of them and they think nothing of it. They simply function that way because they have never been given the impression that it is anything but natural.

5. Where the interest of those on one side of the island centered wholly within themselves they would not be concerned about the needs of those on the other side. They are unified through common interests and are concerned with the welfare of those about them, and it is this interest that makes them sensitive to needs outside their own circle or location. Where there is need among their fellows they draw this sense of need into themselves through the bond of sympathy which makes them one, and the needs of one group become instantly known in another. Selfishness and self-interest separate us, isolate us from the rest of humanity, and this sense of separateness makes people immune to their needs, thus throwing the social structure out of balance. It is in this way that greater and greater needs develop in one group while greater and greater abundance develop in another, and the whole social structure is thrown out of balance. This is where war and strife develop. Can you imagine two groups going to war, each striving to meet the needs of the other? "Nature abhors a vacuum," and just as violent storms occur because of extreme differences in atmospheric pressure, so do wars develop primarily from extremes in the human status.

6. This faculty really belongs more to their memory going back to former generations. They have never been out of it. There are no barriers put up between them and their former lives. They say, "It isn't

that we have lived in this spot all the time. We see all of these places at all times from one point. We have never been separated from it. It is only necessary to become quiet and then we know where we want to go."

7. In a sense this is the same faculty of instinct which the animal uses, but just as the man is a much higher form of being than the animal, so are all his faculties comparatively enlarged. In the animal it is instinct, but in man it is very much extended in its capacity, call it intuition or spiritual discernment if you will. The animal has it only to an extent but the human goes right through. They can see just what they are going to accomplish. The animal returns over the same ground it has traveled, but the human being can go to any position without going over the same ground.

8. It cannot be accurately determined to what extent this faculty leads the animal into new fields, but we do know that it is the primary function of this faculty that has paved the way for human advancement in every field of human progress. The only difference between men of great achievement and those who remain in mediocrity is that the great pay little attention to what has been done and what obstacles or apparent reasons may stand in the way of achievement, but devote themselves to contemplating what can or ought to be done. Those who allow their mental and emotional natures to recoil, refusing to let this sense

reach out into the undiscovered, destroy their own capabilities and this keeps them always in the prison house of limitation. But it should be noted that prison is only the recoil or reflex of their own nature. Genius is that which goes on through conditions and circumstances and keeps eternally in the process of expansion and extension of achieving power.

9. The ability to use this sense for unlimited progress applies to everyone. It is not for the select individual. It is for all to use. The Hawaiians are far more conscious than anyone we know about except the Polynesians. The latter will come to Hawaii on a visit from a distance of three thousand miles. The true Polynesian and Hawaiian are true Caucasian. It seems that this faculty runs more definitely in the true Caucasian race. If they do not submerge it by doubting its existence or allowing it to stop with apparent limitations, it seems to be greater always.

10. This is what Theodore Roosevelt encountered in Africa. It is evident also in Alaska and Siberia. When I went out in 1905 to take relief to Amundsen there was no evidence of a trail at all, but when we were within thirty or forty miles of that village, the villagers came out and met us, told us how many dogs and sleds we had and generally all about our party and its equipment.

11. One reason the Americans do not possess this

faculty is because they have too many accommodations. We have just let it slip by and have not retained it consciously. Subconsciously or unconsciously the American has this faculty to a great extent. Most Americans have had the experience of it but hesitate to use it generally or to say anything about it.

12. The average American thinks it a sign of being a bit off if something is suggested for which there is no apparent reason. Such a feeling is the result of ignorance regarding the true capacities of the individual and the most vital means he has for any degree of achievement. It is his doubt of himself and his ability that holds him back. "If ye believe and doubt not, nothing shall be impossible to you," said Jesus. This faculty is the first requisite to sound reason, while the other processes of reason commonly relied upon as the only basis of intelligent reason are secondary. Great achievements have been accomplished from realms beyond reason and the reasons appeared after. Sound reason is brought about by first looking clear through the limitations, catching the vision of the unapparent, yet entirely possible, and then building the other processes of reason as these facts are worked out. "To faith add knowledge" says the scriptures, but most of us attempt to attain faith first by knowing all about a thing objectively.

13. Then, too, we let others do our thinking for us.

We rely upon them to think everything out, to give it form, and then we rely upon the thing produced. The producer becomes more and more capable, and the dependent one becomes more and more dependent. Emerson said as much when he referred to the fact that what we gain on one hand we lose on the other. We have watches but have lost the ability to tell the time of day ourselves. To neglect the development of self through dependence upon anything outside yourself is to weaken your own nature.

14. The Chaldean astronomers got their information on astronomy through the use of the intuitive faculty—or the power of the mind to penetrate through to fact. They would depend on this completely and would work out all these theories. They have stated in their writings that it had been worked out in this way. We should all receive it, and if we become one with it we should have the perfect solution of it. These ancient Chaldeans have included the workings of this faculty in their history. It has always been in evidence. The influence is still in existence. If we want it we must become one with it. That is all.

15. This is the "eye of the soul" about which the Mystics wrote. Through it men have read and will continue to read the Akashic records. Through it we may perceive things happening at a distance or envision future events with the speed of light—186,000

miles per second. It comes to us at times during an earthquake or other extremity. "Coming events cast their shadows before them."

15½. Everything happens first on higher planes. This is the reflection of it. It functions in the Devachan period between consciousness and form. It is the two faces of the Gargoyle at the temple gate. Looking one way it admits limitation of delusion into the temple, man's being. Looking into the realm of Spirit it admits the freedom and power of illumination.

16. The Hawaiians possess a great natural insight into things and they prophesy and prognosticate. There is a certain group of Hawaiians who will get together and tune to impending influences. If it is not of benefit, they turn it over to another group who work against it, and it never happens. The Hindus say that one man can prophesy, and another God man can stop it.

17. In our experience with the Hawaiians we never found an instance where they had failed to stop a negative event that had been prophesied. It is claimed that they have stopped many invasions. The ones performing that duty would lay down a certain line and the enemy could not cross it. Many times this has been included in their legends. At times the enemy could not even land on their shores.

18. The Carnegie Institute experimented some time ago with a group of Indians in Arizona. This group laid down a certain line and none could cross it except in love. Two men tried to force their way across the line and both men lost their lives.

19. The unillumined make the mistake of thinking that prophesy is inevitable, that if a thing is set to happen it must happen. "Whether there be prophesies they shall fail" say the scriptures. Prophesy comes mostly from the established mental structure immediately surrounding the earth, being the projection of man's own limited thought. The faculty of perception directed into this field may sense the trend of this mental influence and what will likely be the outworking in the material plane. This belongs to the realm of false prophesy, and it can all be set aside. The scriptures warn against false prophets who turn the attention of the people away from God. True prophesy is the result of keeping this sense directed to the plane of Spirit until the individual catches the trend of the Universal Law. The law of the Universe readily sets aside any accumulations to the contrary in the minds of individuals or races. It is accomplished as easily as shadows are dispelled by the light. The sun dispels the night, a single candle will banish darkness from a room for light whether small or great has unlimited power over surrounding darkness whether it be large or small. Only a little illumination on the part of the

individual can dispel any amount of negation, limitation, or false prophesy around him, for they are only vague shadows with no potency within them. Do not accept prophesies of destruction and calamity. Look into the realm of Spirit and they vanish.

20. There was a group of persons in the Hawaiian Islands who came there from Japan, bringing black magic with them. They claimed they could pray a person to death but that group no longer exists. Before one can practice black magic, or become an anti-christ, he must first become versed in the powers of the Christ consciousness. He gets the Christ power and uses it erroneously. The outcome of such practice is self-destruction, and with the destruction of individuals given to the practice of the black art, the art passes with them.

21. The most painful, if not the quickest method of self-destruction, is the misuse of spiritual knowledge. The individual tempted to use this spiritual knowledge to influence, control or gain advantage over others should remember that every edict which goes forth from his own mind or mouth passes through his own being, and becomes a fiat of power within his own nature, working upon himself exactly as he had intended it for another. That is what Christ meant when he said that the Kingdom of heaven is within you. Your being is a kingdom, subject to the

rulership of what you yourself decree. Whether your decrees are accepted by another makes little difference to the individual sending it forth. It is received and acted upon within his own kingdom, and he is sure of the most complete results in his own being. The kingdom within the individual will be heavenly only when he sends forth decrees that come from the heavenly realms, the Spirit where all things move in harmony to promote the well-being and advancement of every individual on earth. "The gift is to the giver and comes back most to him," whether it be good or ill. "As you give, so you receive."

22. One denomination of Rishis in India is able to see and receive events that are set to happen. The other group immediately takes it up and it does not happen at all. That was true also of the Hebrew race in the past. They prevented many wars amongst their people in that way.

23. Many are using the same method in preventing accidents today. Many people never have an accident. We worked with a group of over seven hundred people in the United States that worked definitely to prevent accidents and in the three and one-half years we worked with them there was never an accident in the group. That group has now been augmented until there are about 4,000 members today. They work quietly and are not publicly known.

24. One of the largest insurance companies has been issuing pamphlets for some time in an apparent effort to reduce accidents. Instead of getting rid of the suggestion of fear they are suggesting fear. They should show the conditions that brought about the accident. The fault is with the individual and not the result of things. There is an organization working with the insurance underwriters now which is trying to straighten out this matter. They are taking into consideration the application of thought which could have prevented the accident completely; next, the thought as a result of the accident; next, the element of fear. They have presented it in this way: if you did not fear the accident you would have thought so-and-so, never suggesting the accident but always suggesting that you knew the right thing to do at the right instant. This work has been going on for eighteen months. Next year will probably see its presentation in complete form. If thoughts of fear come up, banish them with thoughts of safety. Never put out a useless thought as that can bring you into an accident.

25. Why should not man put all the forces of his being to work in some good purpose? By keeping his perceptive faculty, or whatever else you may wish to name it, to work in the spiritual realm where everything moves in harmony toward the complete good of every being, there would be a corresponding action developed in the minds of all the people. Because they

were all working in obedience to the power that works toward the good of all, they could not possibly say or do anything except that which was for the good of each other. In other words, through obedience to a common law there could be no conflict among individuals. There could be no wars, no accidents, nor any of the other things that make for misery in the ranks of human nature.

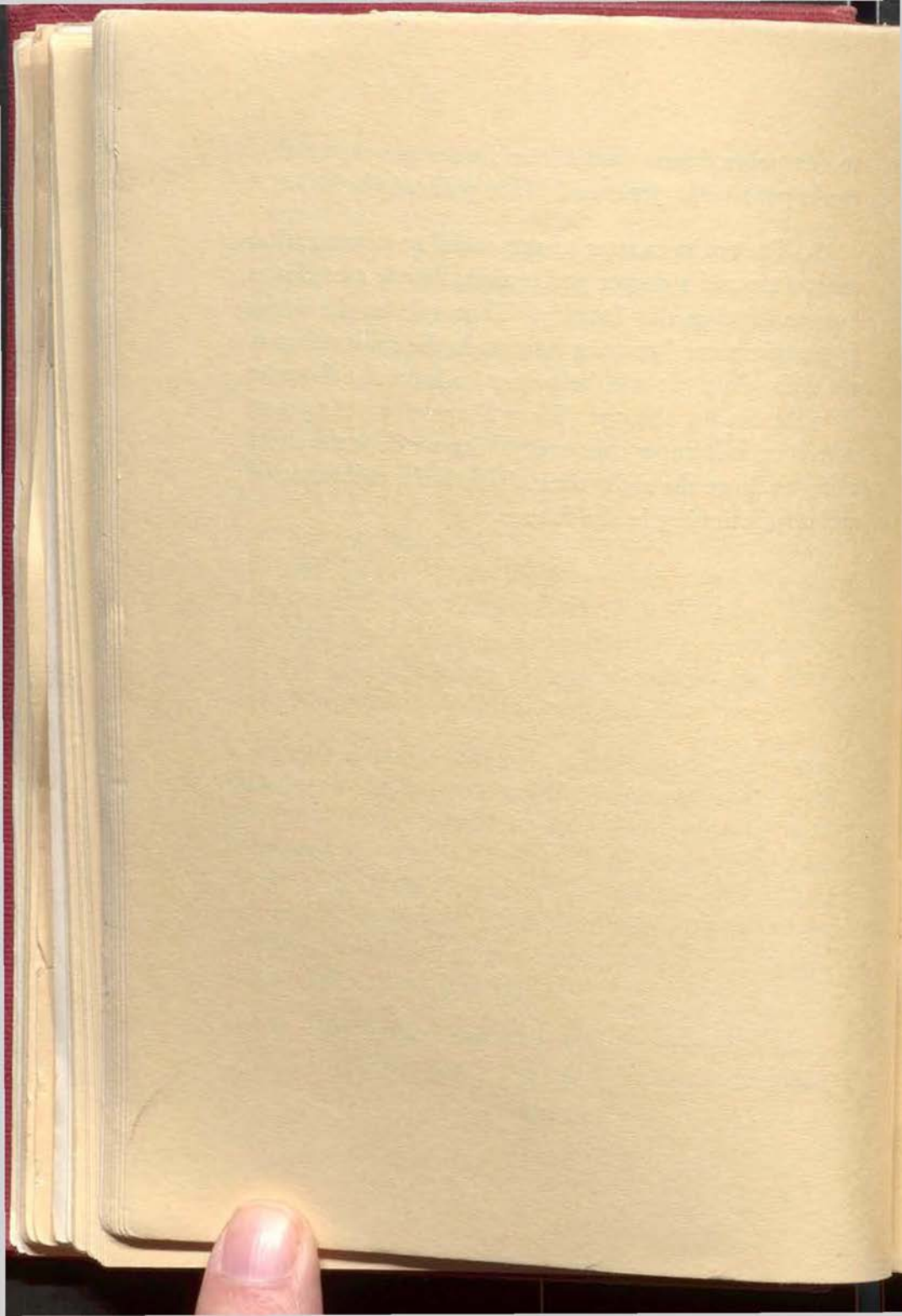
26. This capacity can be put to varied uses. There is the case of the world war veteran, DeJong, who was treated in the Letterman Hospital at San Francisco and who, though blind, demonstrated that he had received a higher illumination by driving a car through the streets of San Francisco and Los Angeles. This particular young man had developed the faculty before and this was simply his sudden awakening. This often happens.

27. The point is that if it can be awakened as has been proved in so many cases the faculty is there. If there, it can be understood, rightly directed and awakened to proper function. We must give attention to these things and proceed intelligently to uncover the latent possibilities within our own natures, if we would arrive at the plane of mastership. No one can do this for us but ourselves.

28. This involves complete emotional control more particularly than mental control. We must be brought

to one-pointedness. When our forces are centered it works positively. Jesus said "One pointedness is God."

29. The entire matter of our social re-organization centers around a deeper perception. People must learn how to develop this faculty. That will be the social re-organization: knowing how to do the right thing at the right time. It will help now to hold the thought of right action always. We will come to the point where we will know that everything we do is the right thing to do at the right time. This is the substance of social functioning in the future.



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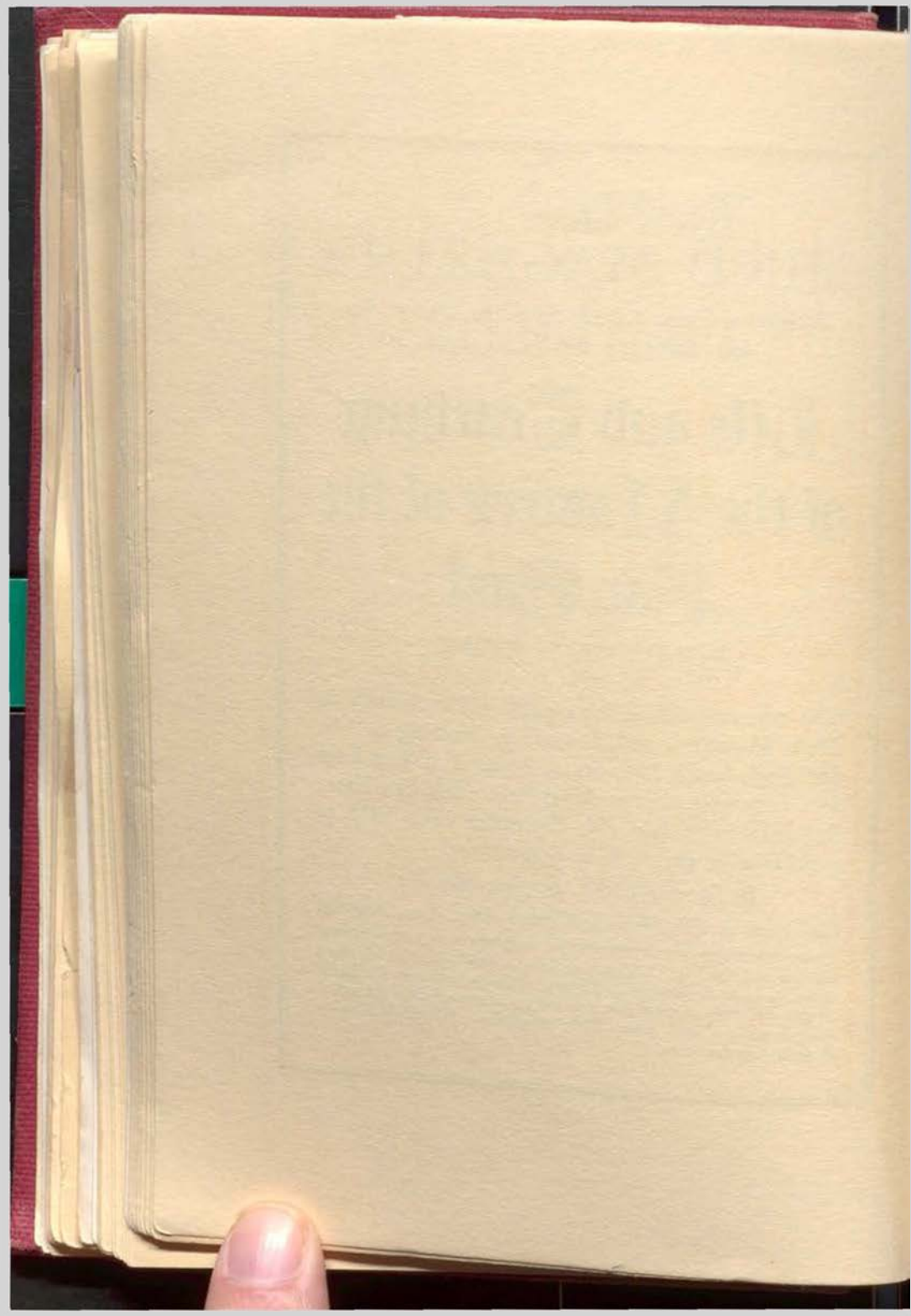
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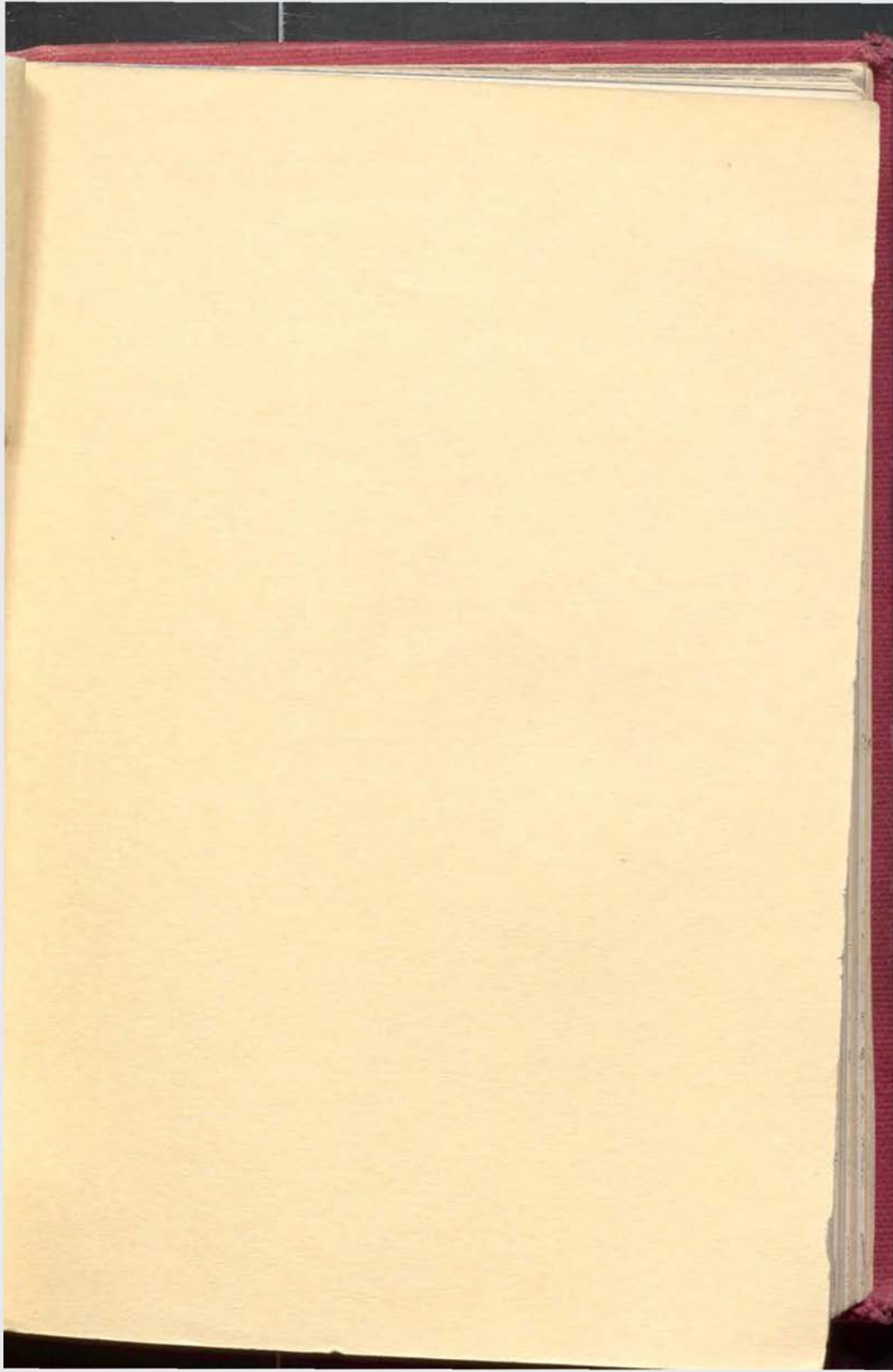
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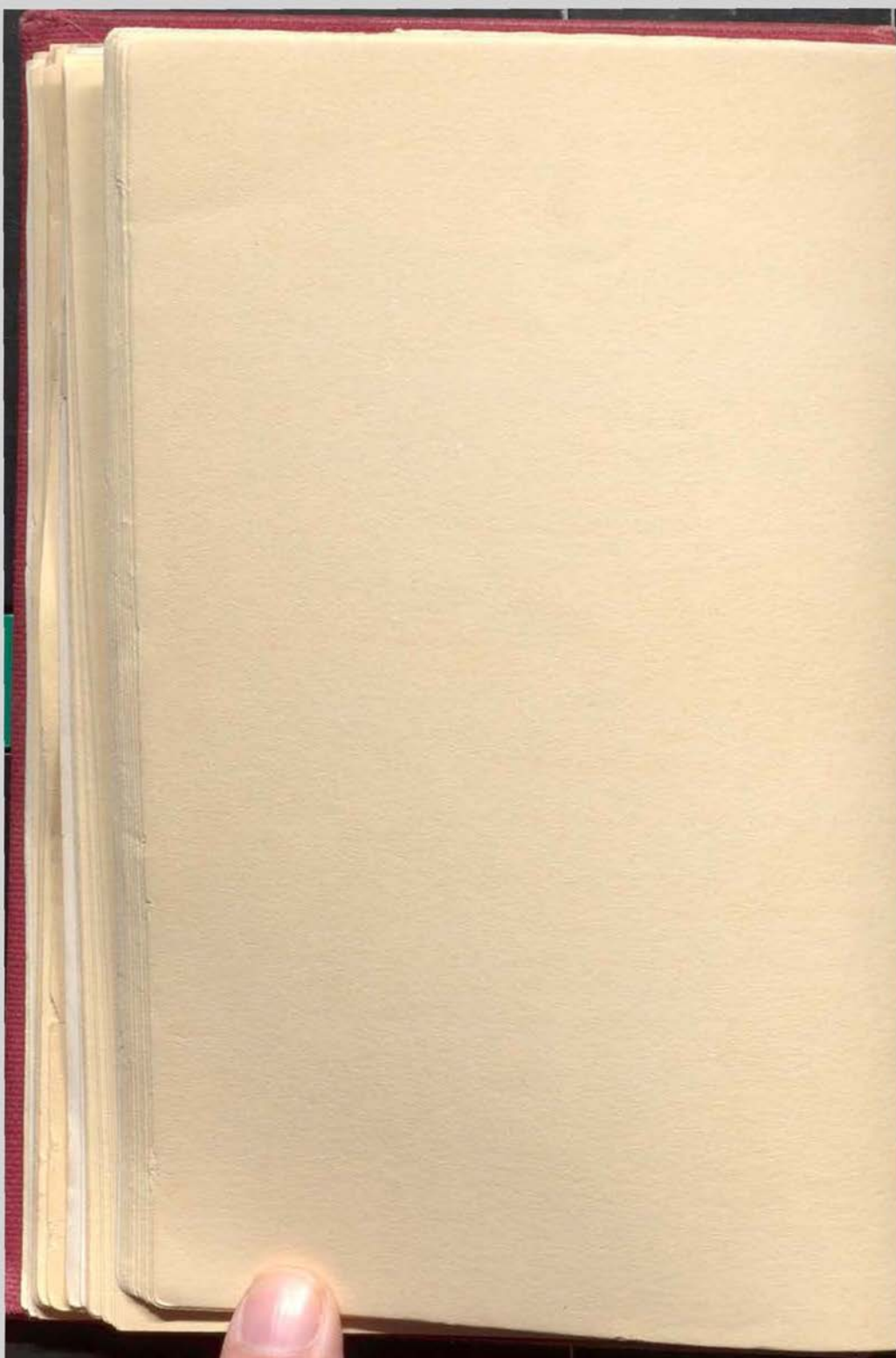
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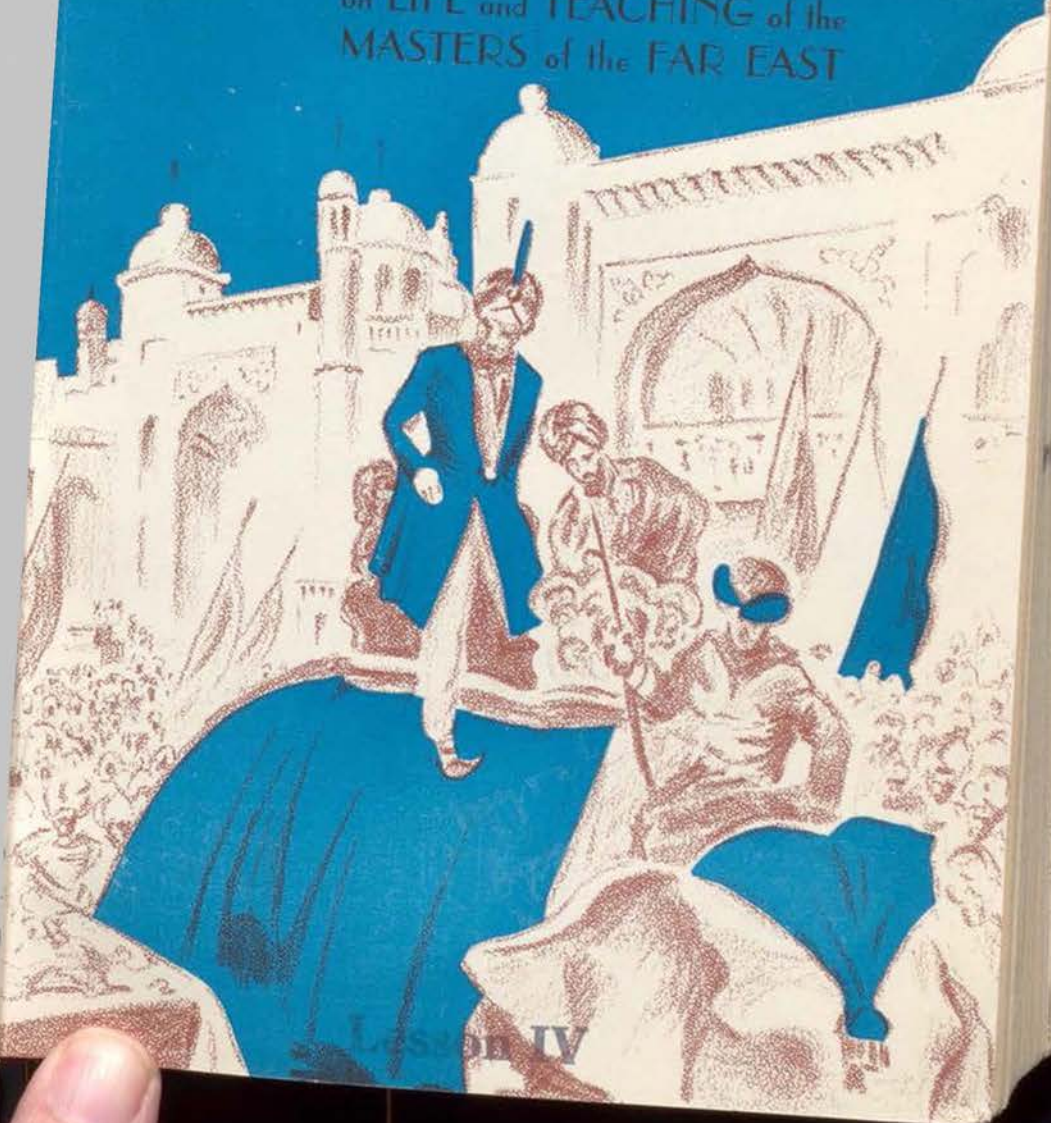
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THE ONE MIND

1. We have evidence of the control of the One Mind. In every field of action we will note the One Mind control. Even upon this boat you will note that there is one head; consequently there is one control with many activities under that control, and all these lesser activities emanate from that centralized authority.

2. It is only through this centralization of power and authority that there is anything like harmony in the operations of any organized section of society or even within the individual. We all know what happens when there is a division of power, or rather an attempt to divide authority without consideration of some central motivating source. The orders which go forth from two sources to the various centers of activity can result only in confusion and chaos. If power emanates from more than one central directive head, the authority is destroyed and the entire structure is broken down.

3. Where there is one controlling element which has dominion, power, or control of motivating action, we are brought directly to that One Element, and thereby brought to one-pointed action which we have discussed before many times. It is through that action that we do accomplish, and that action brings us into a harmony with that central control in that we do not scatter our forces but work with the One Force, or power, which is complete control.

4. You always bring yourself into accord with that to which you have delegated power. That is, if you believe in the power of the world and its environment, you are seemingly receiving directive control from a thousand different sources and this is the source of your confusion. You do not know whether to obey the seeming demands made here, there or some other place and this division in the consciousness breaks down the entire structure of man's nature. He must know "Whom we have believed, and become persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto him against that day."

5. That one control does exist for every human being if he will but use it. Of course, the use of that control must be conscious, must be consciously directed or used for the purpose which we decree or which we establish. It is through the establishment of that control that our thoughts are brought into that one power of action or one thought of expression. There they cannot help but express that which they

send forth. In other words, the motivating principle we determine must come into existence. "His servants are ye, to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey," and the manifest results must be determined by the outworking of that motivating force from which you receive your direction. The results can be no greater than that vested in the authority.

6. This central control of the Universe is often called Principle as well as Mind. Principle does not bind it as closely perhaps as the One Mind. Still, that Principle controls and governs, and it knows what it is doing, it governs with intelligence, so it must be a Mind Principle. The Hindoo always puts it as Principle, or the All-Mighty which means that man does become that mighty, controlling element. Man stands in his all-mightiness the moment he projects his thought to that one control, that one central directive authority.

7. It is all so simple if one looks at the entire situation with an openminded and sane approach to it. You say in your own mind that this person or that condition has power to make you sad. This is delegating authority to a definite location or form. Obeying the authority which you have thus assigned, you embody in yourself the mental and emotional state which you recognize as existing in the nature of that authority. You could not possibly think of embodying joy from a source that you decree has only the power to make you sad. Then when, through your obedience to the

authority, you embody the sadness which you have admitted it has power to manifest in you, and then you say "I am sad." You become that which you embody. This is the whole secret of power, but to manifest that Mighty power that is ours, we must designate only one directive source, we must obey that source and embody the characteristics which it possesses; then we should not hesitate to proclaim "I am that," as the Hindoos put it, when that becomes the thing we have embodied. This will all become perfectly clear to anyone who will dwell on the matter for a time.

8. In this state will power is not a method of control. Will power gives us the impetus for bringing that control into existence, but it is not the motivating factor back of the control. Will may differ entirely from control. Self-will never is able to project thoughts to one central point. Definite control or mind action is capable of carrying thoughts, feelings or actions to one central control, which is a definite attribute or element which man uses always, and which he has dominion to work WITH. Not Over, but to work WITH. That being the very force which man brings into activity the moment he brings his thought to that focal point of Principle which activates all conditions.

9. Let us take a very simple illustration. Man has power to bring his mind into subjection to the principle of mathematics, but he does not have the will to

make the principle act. The principle acts of itself and is a single center of control within its sphere. Man may bring his will up to the point of the activity of the principle, but from then on the principle is the motivating force, and through this subjection of his will—to be more accurate—he finds the secret of his mathematical power. The principle of the human will is in that it is to be brought into subjectivity to some higher authority, and thus he becomes the embodiment of it and is possessed of the power of this higher authority. Man's weakness is brought about through making himself subject to that which in reality has no power, and this should be proof to him of the immense power which is possible to him. He must now learn to apply this principle of his own will and recognize power as existing only in the One Principle.

10. Our everyday life is a concrete application of this fact in that our statements conform to the One Principle or One Mind. We vision or project an ideal. Let us say that that ideal is for perfection. We immediately come into direct accord with the One Mind control or Principle. We project an ideal for ourselves to accomplish. If it is a high ideal that Power immediately becomes active and brings that ideal into existence. The moment that ideal is projected, and the force back of it becomes active through it, that ideal is complete. That is, the moment the ideal is released from the activity of our will, and is projected into the activity of the One Principle, it is a completed thing.

11. So long as there is any dual sense it is difficult for anyone to see how this can be true on the manifest plane. The Masters do not take into consideration any plane outside of the Spiritual—the Spiritual made manifest. If we do not take into consideration any plane outside of the Spiritual, it must be in existence always after the statement is made, even before the statement is made. We quite evidently withhold from ourselves the accomplishment of our ideal because we look to three planes upon which it may manifest. It is found very conclusively today that it only manifests on one plane. It manifests on the Spiritual plane always. It is always fact.

12. Now if we hold to and remain within that Spiritual plane we would see it in its true expression. We would not need to look to the material at all for when we do we speak in terms of materializations, and materialization is not spiritually a fact. The *actual* thing is the fact always. That is the Spiritual made manifest. Two plus two equals four in the mathematical principle, it equals four in the mind, and likewise in manifestation. This is not three planes, but it is all the mathematical fact separated or differentiated at NO point whatever.

13. After the manifestation it is said that it does no harm to name it material or physical because you cannot harm the Fact. But it is always elevated or exalted to the Spiritual. That was Jesus' meaning when he said: "If ye exalt all things to Spirit they are in exist-

ence already." Evidently he had that very thing in mind when he gave the prayer: "Father, I thank you that you have heard me, and that you do hear me always." He knew fully that that which he saw as his ideal was already accomplished. To him it came forth instantly. Then he gave the statement that "if you go forth into the vineyard it is ready for harvest."

14. Now if we take that definite position there is no question but that we would be out of all of this difficulty completely. He immediately rose above every difficulty by the very attitude that he took. It was not a long, arduous process to him. It was instantaneous. He saw completely through the non-existence of them. That is not claiming that he denied them. It is quite evident that he never denied any condition. He always rose above it to the True Spiritual Condition, and then there was no need for denial or of paying any attention to anything but the True Spiritual Condition. He said, "I live always in Spirit."

15. Our Bible says "I live always in a spirit," being an entirely wrong interpretation. The interpolation of "a" where it does not belong makes a lot of difference. That is where many mistakes were made in our understanding.

16. The Christian Bible says "God is a Spirit." The original was "God is Spirit," never confining him to one attribute or one condition. One writer said: "It is like trying to crowd God into the quart measure of our intellect." Spirit and Mind are synonymous. They

are one and the same in vibratory influence. That which seems to make a difference is that we take our thoughts as indicating mind. Mind is consciousness for mind and consciousness are inseparable. The element of consciousness is thought and when conscious of spiritual Fact there is no difference to us between mind and spirit. We are in a state of Spiritual Consciousness.

17. You are right in thinking of mind as consciousness in action, but so is Spirit consciousness in action. They, too, are synonymous. Either may become quiescent or become submerged in the individual, but they are not submerged in the outer condition. If the outer is like the inner, mind is never submerged in the individual but is only quiescent. The individual only thinks that it is submerged and to that person it may become non-existent because he is not conscious of it. The consciousness is always there and springs into existence instantly if one projects consciousness toward that which always is, the Spiritual Fact.

18. The element of consciousness is the directive rather than the motivating agency of mind. Thus it is indispensable in the sending forth of the emanations of mind or, as we put it, in stepping up the emanations of mind to their true state, provided the element of consciousness is true to the spiritual fact.

19. Today many scientists are approaching this same conclusion regarding the underlying cause of all things. They dissolve the whole structure of substance

and resolve it all back to emanating energy identical with Spirit. Spirit is all-pervading; it manifests in everything. It is found that all elements, including radium, are reduced to that one primal element—emanating energy. But this energy in the last analysis is not blind force but intelligent force. It knows what it is doing. Scientists even admit that there is a certain form of "electricity" that seems to know what it is doing. This all-pervading, creative energy back of all things, is aware of itself, aware of what it is doing, aware of how to do it, and we therefore call it Spirit, or God. It is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient as the Christian Bible puts it.

20. When man begins to assemble in his consciousness the activities of any principle, he begins to say "I am that." This is the centralizing of the authority of the principle in himself. "I am" renders the mind dynamic instead of letting it rest in potentiality. It becomes dynamic the moment we focus thought upon I AM. That focal point is the center always, and from it emanates the authoritative commands that control and determine the entire status of manifest man. The I AM must be used to indicate man's true estate, that which he is in fact, and not what he has seemed to himself to be in manifest form. "I am *THAT* I am," which is the embodiment of the motivating authority of the Universe. Beside *THAT* "I AM" there is no true existence but only delusion.

21. This name "I AM" was God to Moses. It has

come down through the ages as "I AM." To the Hindoos it was Aum, which means the same. Likewise to the Arians it is AUM. The Chinese use it as TAU.

22. The so-called "blind spots" in the ether common in our radio and scientific fields is in a sense symbolic of the blind spots in human consciousness. The radio beam crosses right through these non-magnetic fields as if they did not exist. Our layers of atmosphere, the concentric bands of atmospheric conditions, are in motion. In our earth they are stationary. When a non-magnetic field moves over a magnetic field of our concentric bands a vacuum-like condition is established. When a magnetic field passes over a non-magnetic field on the earth's surface it passes right through it and is lost. It is frequently more powerful at night than in the daytime. These non-magnetic fields are like the static states in human consciousness, more intense with greater darkness or ignorance. But the positive radiations of the Spiritual I AM, the declarations of that which man is in fact, penetrates through these static fields of his consciousness and is as though they do not exist. The persistent declaration of Spiritual facts regarding man's nature and his place in the Universe eventually will eliminate all these static fields in human consciousness as well as in his affairs.

23. The one Mind is not constantly creating new ideas. It is manifesting Ideas that have been created

from the beginning, for the One mind is and always has been Omniscient—all knowing. It has never been nor will it ever be more or less than ITSELF. It is all a process of reverberation. It is the same as our radio currents of today. They are flooding back and forth or reverberating from one space to the other space. That is, from space to space as you might say.

24. Thought is, of course, the most potent of any radiations because it has control over the vibratory field of electricity and radio. In fact, both the vibratory field of electricity and radio will impinge and reflect from the vibratory field of thought always. Radio follows a track in the atmosphere regardless of a conductor. It follows a true track or trend. It operates through the ether. But thought in this sense does not "travel" for thought is omnipresent. It is already there no matter to what point you refer. It is the impingement of thought upon the electrons that causes thought to appear to move. Mind is the motivating element, thought moving concurrently with mind, and in striking upon the electrons that produces all movement in the plane of manifest substances.

25. That which we call space is in reality the One Spiritual Mind. That is the Principle by which the human soul, which is the replica of the Spiritual mind, can overcome time and space, for there is no such thing as time and space in Spirit. In Spirit all is complete, and in completeness there can be no such thing as time or space. This is what is meant by "letting

the same mind be in you which was also in Christ." It is a state of complete oneness existing in fact between the individual and the Universal soul, and it must become a conscious fact to the individual. That is the complete Mind, the controlling mind, functioning through the individual consciously.

26. Physical man, or man conscious of himself only as a physical being that thinks he is apart from God, the One Mind, and thinks in terms of moving from place to place, is only moving in illusion for himself, and hence, unhappiness. He is really in, and of that One Mind, and lives, and moves, and has his being in IT. In Jesus' talks His greatest statement was "Peace, be still." It is never said in a loud voice, projected of the will of man, but in unison with the calm, knowing power that comes from a sense of Oneness. There is the greatest security and the greatest power. We have seen some of the greatest storms overcome by that simple statement. Likewise the seeming "brain storms" of human mind are stilled until one can feel the controlling power of the One Mind.

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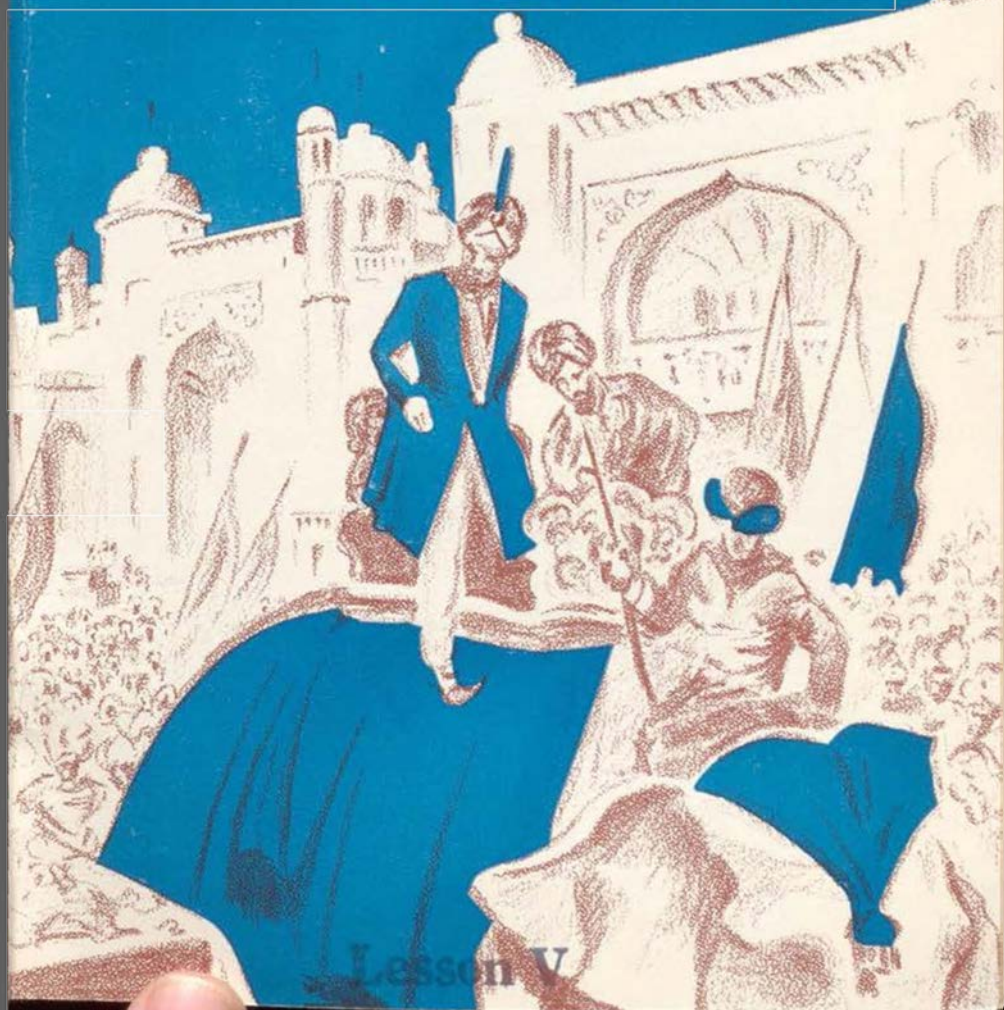
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LESSON V.

DUAL MIND.

1. Many of the Western World look at duality instead of to the One Mind or Principle. That scatters the forces, and one is not able to hold his mind in accord as when he sees but the One force, or One Principle, and himself and all things as integral parts of the One.

2. "Behold our God is One," say the Scriptures, and it is only in the preservation of this fundamental truth that man lives in harmony with his own nature. Man is not a separated being, projected away from his source, but is created within the image of God, and like unto God. It is only in the *sense* of his isolation, which is the root of all unrighteousness, that he loses the beneficent influences of the Creative cause which are his by the natural order of things. In this sense of

aloneness he has imagined all sorts of contrary actions to his well being and is often inclined to blame the Universal system for his misfortunes. In reality they are all of his own doings, for the Universe does not isolate him nor is it accountable for the difficulties that arise because of his own isolation. "Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord," is the offer of the ONE to all who will accept his rightful place in the divine order of the whole created scheme.

3. Duality is brought into existence through thought and action without regard to the whole. But, by reversing the dual thought, or bringing the thoughts to One point of action, duality is eliminated completely. It is a well known fact that we cannot accomplish with a dual purpose, or even with a dual nature.

4. In reality there is no duality in nature. There is the positive and negative, good and evil, hot and cold, all the opposites, but the opposites, when related and brought together, bring the thought to one purpose, one action, one Principle. In connection with the opposites it is not necessary to recognize them as opposite or opposed. The essential recognition is the single purpose. Jesus always said that His greatest accomplishments were with the single attitude or steadfast purpose, as He related it. That steadfastness does bring us into unity where Principle exists always. That

is where Principle is always imminent. Then, instead of duality, there is that "single eye," or single I Am.

5. Many Hindoos use the I, while many use the I AM. It is thought by some that that was where duality began to manifest first—between the I and the I Am—many believing that this practice involved two attitudes or purposes, where in reality, it is but one co-relation or subjugation of everything to the One Purpose. There is no duality of Principle, but the union of Principle in all things. They (the words "I Am") even pronounce that exact Principle or Truth. As they put it, the exaltation of the One principle allows it to work in that Principle conclusively. We do not see, either, the duality of nature and thus we do not recognize it. As duality has no recognition it becomes harmonized.

6. Summer and winter are not two things, but phases of one Nature. Winter is as essential to the growth of vegetation as the summer, and only depicts two phases of a single process. What we call evil contains the germ of good, and when looked through to behold the good, the sense of evil disappears and there remains only the sense that all things are working together for good. The apparent evil surrounding conditions of poverty and pain that are shunned by human beings, if faced for the good within them, would vanish. Jesus taught that blindness was not an evil

nor the result of evil but an opportunity to show forth the "glory of God." A problem is not foreign to the principle of mathematics, nor is it an obstacle to one who wishes to become a mathematician. The problem is only a statement of certain conditions through which the principle may be applied to produce a desired result, and is a means of growth to the individual who so faces it. Conditions in life that seem opposed to our highest good are but points of practice until we attain that strength of character to see and manifest only the perfection of the One. When life is seen in this way all unpleasantness vanishes and everything becomes a sort of practice game in which we see, live, move and have being that the existing good may show forth in our own character and in our world.

7. Nature then is harmonious. All is harmony. All is working under the influence of the One Purpose.

8. It is also apparent that it is this point of separation which causes the separation of complete harmony in music, which resulted in discord. In our music today sometimes we strike an inharmonious combination of notes in order to show, by comparison, the complete harmony. In the original music it was not necessary to use discord. It was all harmonious.

9. Just as the difference between a perfect chord and discord is apparent even to the novice, so is the

individual able to know within himself that which is in harmony with the Universal Principle and that which is at variance with it. Any inharmonious condition in the nature of man is evidence that he is out of harmony with the natural order of things, and the secret of his perfect progress is to always approach every condition in such a manner as to preserve his sense of inward calm. This is impossible as long as there exists any sense of separation from the innate good that runs through all things. Man's nature is eternally attuned to the good for he is the offspring of God, and God is good. When one is conscious that his good is eternally and unvaryingly seeking to manifest itself in all things and in his own nature he is in harmony with himself and the Principle of his being. By working to uncover the good contained in every experience man is instantly in that state where that which to others seems evil becomes the source of his good.

10. Of course, with the relation of the opposites we find that we come to the same attitude. It is said that there may be many opposite manifestations but they are not opposed unless the individual allows the opposition. The individual must harmonize the opposites in his attitude toward them, for in reality, they are never out of harmony. When we come to that attitude where all is harmony, then we see the harmonious relation in all things as well as in ourselves. It be-

comes one simple attitude of complete harmony. Then there can be no discord. There can be no discord in life or in living. There can be no discord between the opposites for they have their perfect relationship to each other in Principle.

11. Many scientists, through their research today, are making the same statement: The only discord that exists is with the human or the individual, and that discord is brought about by discordant thoughts. It is said today that the American people are the most discordant in their thinking. It is quite evident that this fact is brought about by the many attitudes of thought by reason of the many nationalities which are brought together here. These nationalities have not been fully assimilated yet. It is found, however, that the great assimilating process is going on very rapidly now.

12. The mathematical axiom that only things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other, is, after all, the key to all harmony. It is only as the peoples of America become actuated by a common impulse that any semblance of harmony can be established. This is also true of the world generally, just as it is true of the individual. Only when all the forces involved in a single organism, or in many organisms, become animated by a single impulse and move in perfect unison toward a given objective is there complete harmony.

13. There is no question but that Jung in his work struck a very deep key in the attitude of harmony in relation to all things when he related his experience of going into a cave. In many portions of India the people retire to caves in order to become perfectly silent to work out a definite conclusion about certain determining factors. In every instance where these reports are available it is found that when they go to the place where they are perfectly silent to conditions around them they come into the greatest activity of life. They see further as they project their vision further. They see completely through the material or physical to what they say is that perfect condition wherein all activity is harmonious. Then that which they see as true universally is merely related to the world of things. It is not that the world is subjugated to the spiritual, but merely related to its original state, and then the perfection of the spiritual world is immediately manifested. That activity, in harmonious accord, works perfectly under their guidance.

14. In reality this is the same procedure which all men follow in the application of any principle. It is first necessary to leave the outer forms — through which principle is expressed — alone until there is clear discernment of the movement of the principle involved. This movement of principle is then related to the outer form and we have harmony and rhythm

in music, correct answers to problems, perfect architectural structures, perfect paintings and perfect statues. All these manifestations are brought about because of the individual's ability to identify himself with underlying reality, and this reality is then brought forth through the form with the same beauty and harmony that is seen in principle.

15. Now these same people will tell you that it is not necessary for each individual to become as they are in order to get into that harmonious relation, but that it can be brought about in the ordinary walks of life. They purposely take that attitude to find out what happens, to come to a definite conclusion. After that conclusion is reached they are able to teach others, but they do not teach others to do as they have done. They teach that it may be made practical; that it is not necessary to spend long years in meditation to bring this about because they have found a shorter method or an easier way; that the instant you become silent you are one with the harmony or accord. Thus, from that very moment you begin to progress; the attitude of thought changes from turmoil to harmony; strife is not evident; consequently you have raised your body's vibration to the vibration where strife does not exist.

16. If one is able to accomplish that condition, all can, but all need not take the long and arduous way.

Once a fact is revealed, one needs but to accept that fact. The thought of the Masters is: We have gone through the process of making the discovery, we know what the determining factors are, and the rest of mankind need not make the discovery for themselves, but accept that which has been revealed. Consequently, it is not necessary for the mass to sit in Samadhi. They express it by stating that one who sits in Samadhi is able to teach others what he has discovered. All may go through the practice of Samadhi if they wish although it is unnecessary for this reason: through accepting the conditions which have been revealed, that acceptance brings about a certain leveling influence, a certain vitalizing condition wherein one sees more readily. By beginning with the revealed knowledge one is more easily adjusted to the silence, or the harmonious conditions and facts about him. Therefore by following the conclusions of those who have gone through the preliminary steps, they move forward directly into the Samadhic state. Those who have gone through to this state are the way-showers or teachers. As they say, it is not necessary to follow the teacher step by step, because they have cleared the way. They have realized the condition which has then become general, and the projection has opened the way for all.

17. This is the truth back of the vicarious atonement of Jesus. He, as the way-shower, explained that

we are one with the Father even as He was one with the Father. We do not have to fight our way back to this state for he revealed it as an established fact. Our work is but to assume as being true, what He proved as true. We do not have to prove that the sum of all the angles of a triangle are equal to two right angles after it has once been proved. When it is a revealed fact, all we have to do is accept it. If that were not true each one would have to prove for himself every movement of mathematics, mechanics, art, etc. But when others have proved these things we vicariously enter into their labors, begin where they left off, and proceed to the next condition under that principle.

18. The larger the group, or the greater the number of persons in a group, the greater the influence. The greater the influence the greater the impetus always. Therefore, it is said that if a group of one hundred would sit in Samadhi, or complete silence, that influence created would suffice for thousands. Therefore, thousands would be elevated to a greater enlightenment by that one hundred.

19. This is where the Yogi plays a very vital part. They purposely give up a certain portion of their lives to putting out that influence, especially the influence for body perfection. And it is often said that it is not necessary for all people to go through the system of Yoga to perfect the body because they have gone through and made that perfection possible for all.

That is what was expressed when Jesus gave His life upon the cross. They, as well as Jesus, knew that they were not giving up their lives. They were giving that certain portion to a higher expression that all might see and follow. They became the way-showers or teachers. Therefore, the people who could progress would go further and in greater strides.

20. These are the reasons why it is said that it is not necessary to go through all the many stages of Yoga or Joga. Many accomplish these steps in just a few hours because added impetus is given by those who have given greater time to service and greater impetus for that service. There are certain select groups who are working along that line all the time. That influence can be picked up, as it is radiated out from different groups and different centers all of the time.

21. This influence is picked up on the spiritual plane just as radio music is picked up on the electrical plane. But as radio music picked up from the electrical plane is heard and felt on the material and mental planes, so are these spiritual influences manifest upon every plane below, for it is all-inclusive. It is all a spiritual plane, One Universal Plane working in perfect unison with itself when the individual awakens to see it as it truly is. The contact is made not by seeking the masters nor their influences, but by seeking the plane of harmonious thought and spiritual in-

fluence which permeates all time and space, and in which they work.

22. A line may seemingly have two opposites, but bring these opposites together and you have a circle and the opposites have thus disappeared. Extend the circle and you have a perfect sphere, which is complete synchronized relationship of all elements. As Millikan says, "The Cosmic becomes the globe." Then you have completed the circle in every way and brought about perfect unity. The point becomes the line, the line becomes the circle, the circle becomes the globe. This is true of every line of thought, and through the continual process of relating all things to the One instead of separating everything, the point of unity or oneness is established. This is One-pointedness.

23. When the individual attains concentration in thought, he enters the Samadhic condition and that is where he begins to accomplish—when he reaches that One-pointedness.

24. It should be remembered, however, that this concentration or One-pointedness is an expanded state of mind and not a contracted state. It comes through the principle of relating all things rather than through the mistaken idea of excluding anything. Samadhi permits the individual to see directly through to the whole, the Truth or Principle of it.

25. This eliminates what the Western world teaches about the conscious and subconscious minds. In reality there is but ONE MIND, and that, we could call the Superconscious. That is where you bring the conscious and subconscious into accord. You are then conscious of the whole. It is complete consciousness. Then there is no division whatever, and if we make no division we are in complete conscious accord.

26. The division of the mind into conscious, subconscious and so forth was first put forth as an assistance in teaching. Now, however, the reverse is true. We can best understand mind, and progress consciously in spiritual unfoldment by thinking and working in terms of One Mind. The divisions were a part of the teaching of symbolism now past. It may have been a necessary classification in that period, but the race has now worked through symbolism completely. We are accepting the completeness of all symbols. When we become One with that one attitude of thought there is where we begin to accomplish.

27. I have talked with men of great achievement and find that they for the most part work with the One Mind, with the consciousness that everything is always here and always present. That has been their attitude. That very attitude is coming out so dominantly now that we will find it is going to change all of our economic system. If we could be wholly at one

with that, there would be no cross-purposes. The consumption of energy would be 90 per cent less. That energy is rapidly and increasingly being used for higher and greater purposes instead of being dissipated in efforts to take away from the other fellow what he needs for himself. The truly great never have to go out and take away from the other fellow in order to produce. With him everything that is here and belongs to them and that which belongs to them they are free to use.

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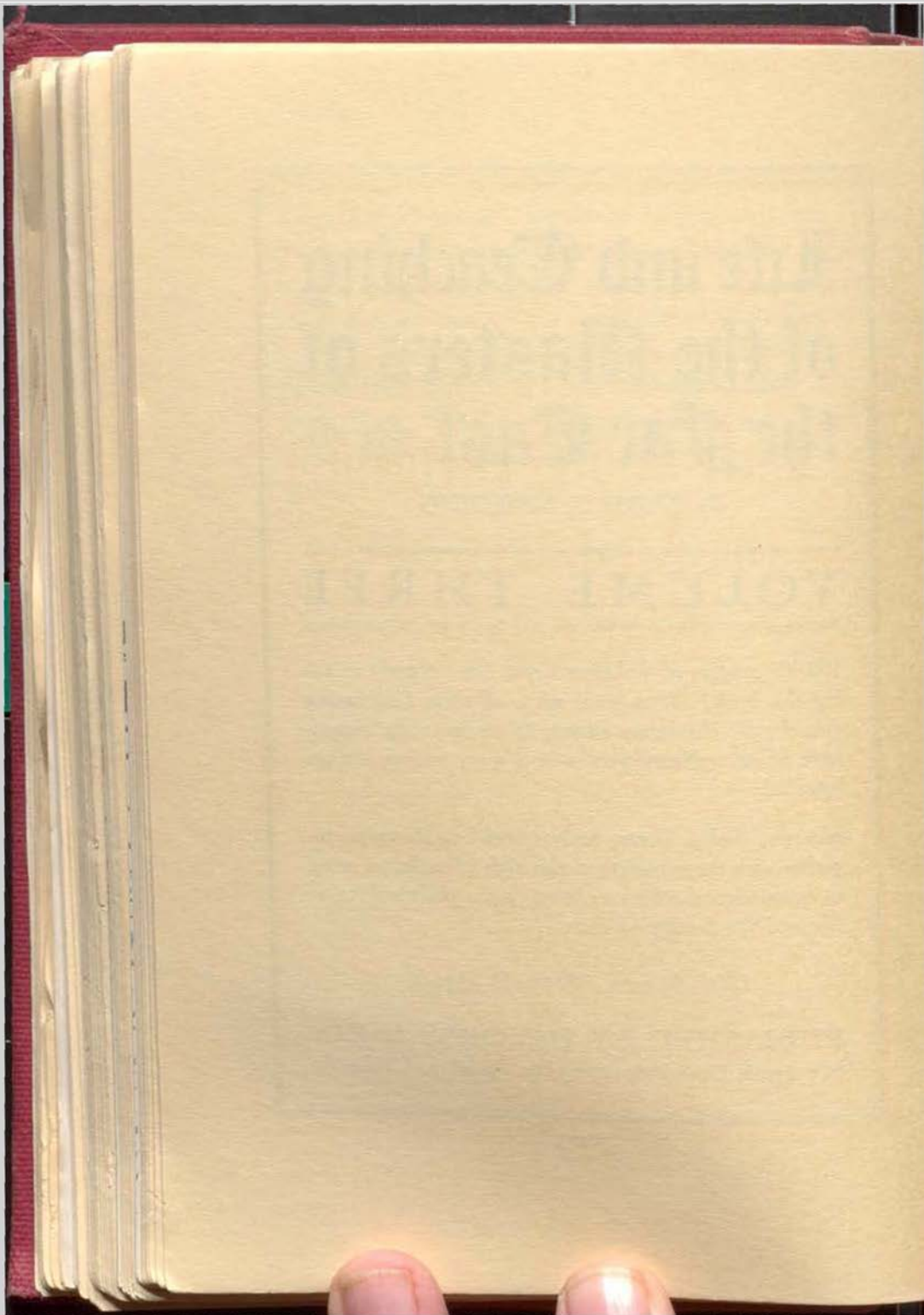
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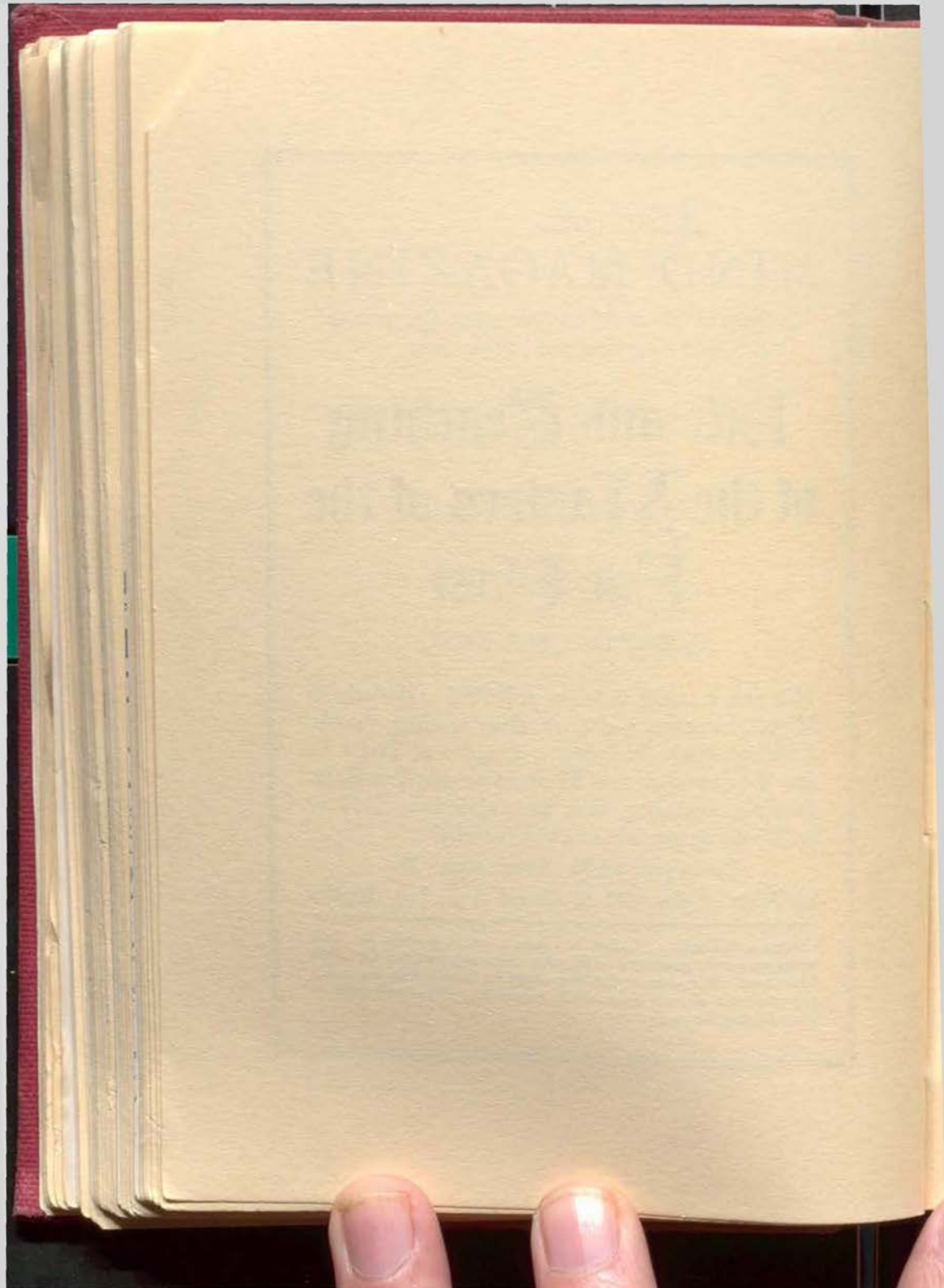
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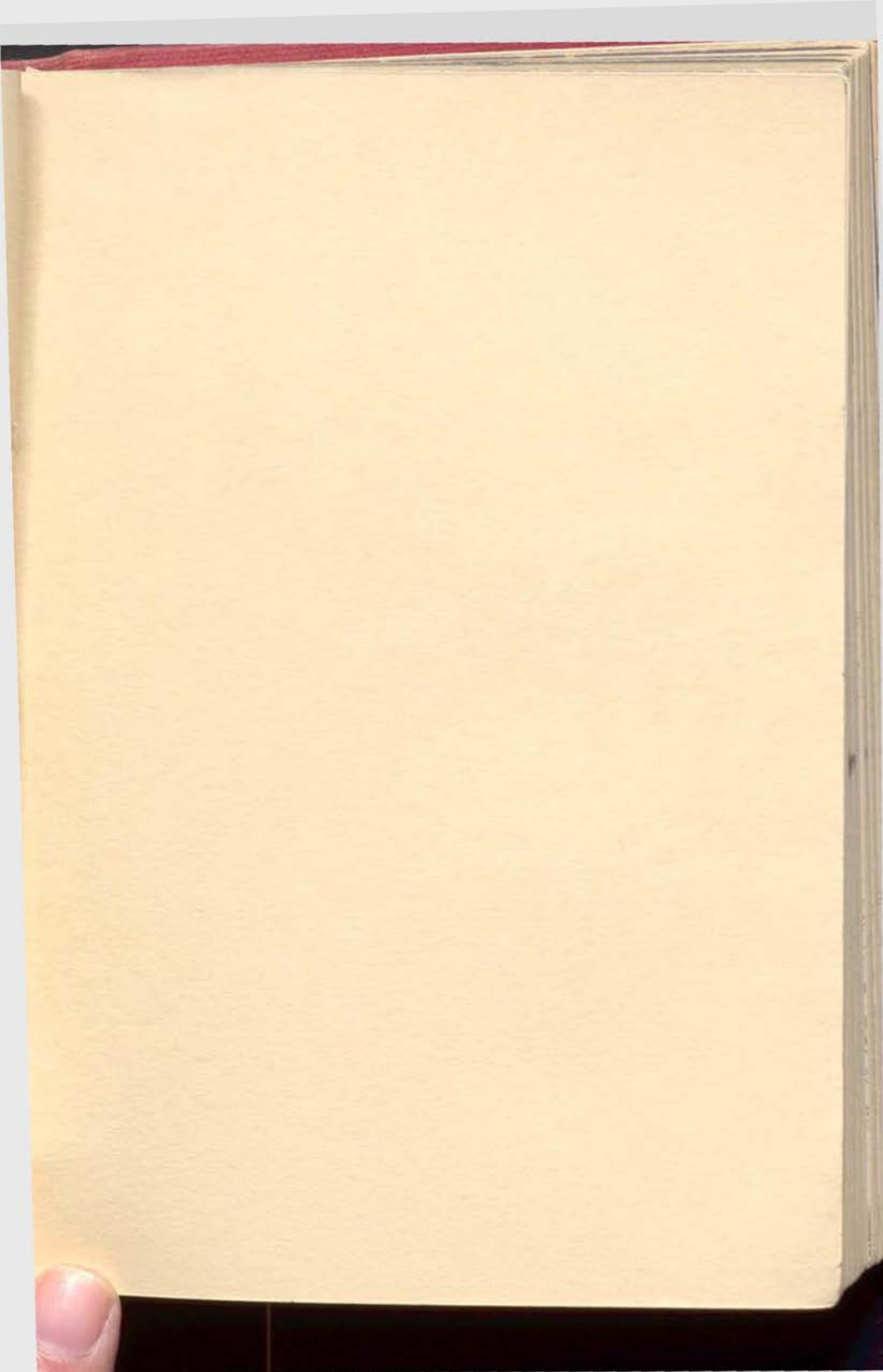
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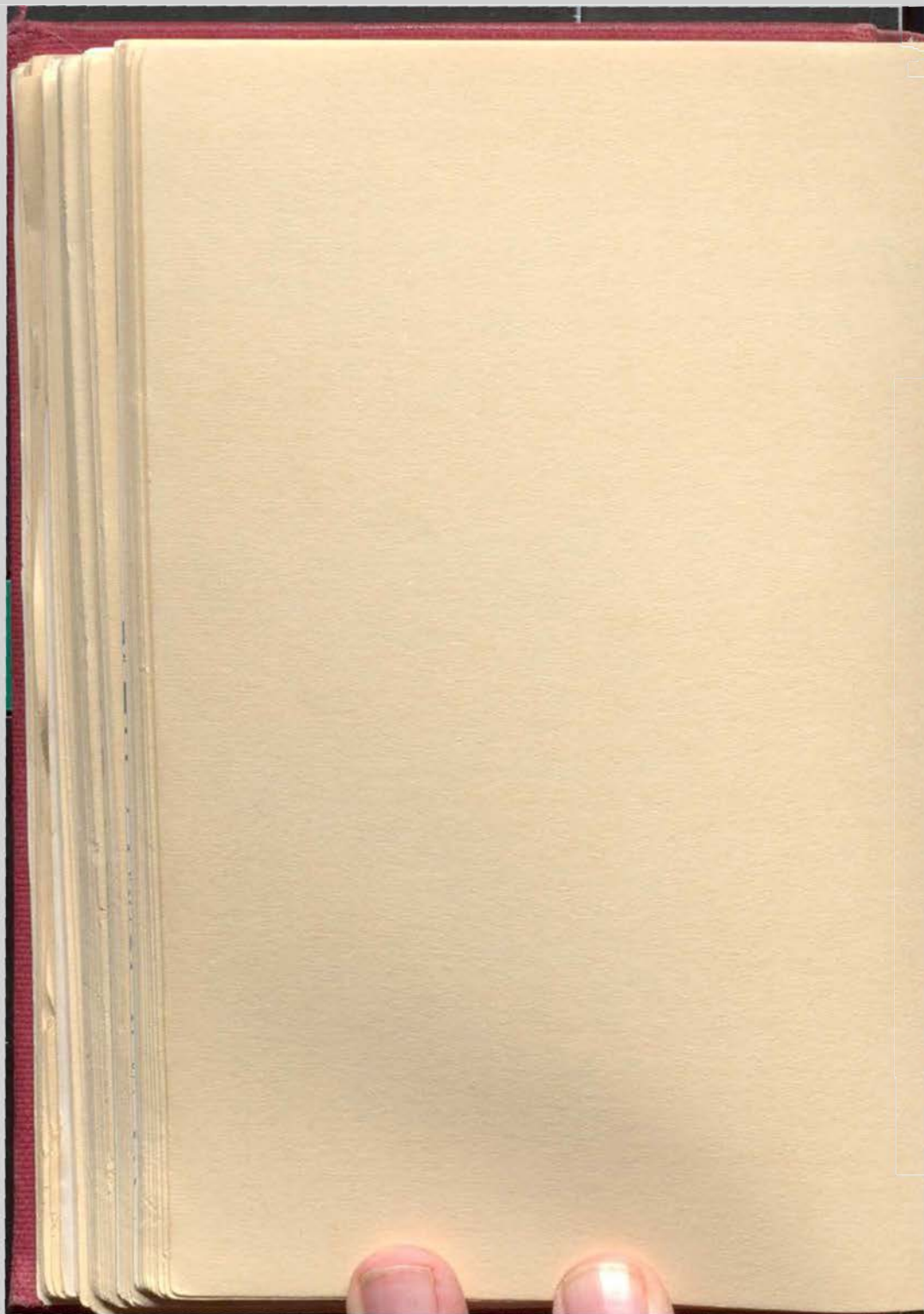
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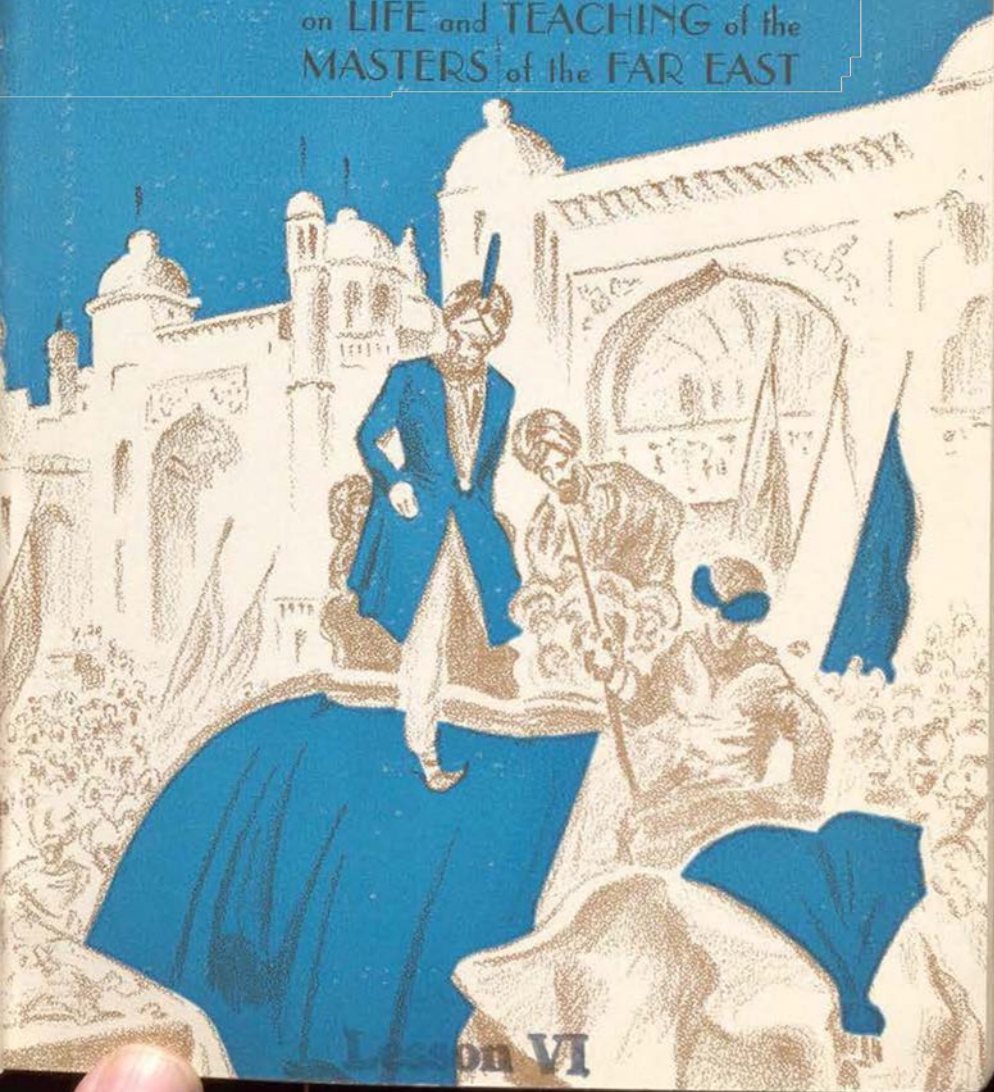
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THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD.

1. The spoken word has a great power, but there is one thing certain: we must select the words, and then we must give them power. There is no power in a negative word unless we do select and give the word power. It does not of itself contain power. Power must be given to the word by the one who speaks it. Of course, as the Eastern Philosophy goes, the thought which precedes the word is more important. Consequently, the thought can be the motivating force behind the spoken word, and in that way it adds power and, as they put it, that word must go forth and create.

2. Now if a word is spoken idly, or without force of thought it does not accomplish. By the selection of that word, the power given to it through thought cannot help but accomplish that very thing for which it is sent. That is why they claim such selectivity to

the spoken word and that is why they say the word is always selective.

3. That power which we put back of the word to accomplish must be the energy that we ourselves perceive. As they put it, not the energy which you give to the word, but the energy for the accomplishment of that word is what you perceive.

4. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and they are life and they do accomplish that whereunto they are sent." Spirit is the creative cause in the universe, and our words are potent only as this same spirit is seen as the operative force back of them. It is the activity of the force of nature that makes the seed grow for no seed has power within itself. It is a container or vehicle of that force. So it is with words. The Scriptures say "The word is a seed," and the power of Spirit acts upon words as nature does upon the seed. Our consciousness, or awareness of Spirit, is the focal point in this matter of the power of the word. Idle words are impotent and do not create, though they in a sense may add to the state of hypnosis. To fear negative words is to add to their hypnotic influence, for fear is a strong diversion of individual energies and it thereby adds to the influence of the negative word. The power of ignorant or idle words is only that they may intensify the hypnotic state of man's mind, but they do not alter the creative cause in the least. The power of negative words is only the modernization of the old

idea of the devil and is a direct violation of the fact that there is only the power of God. There is no power opposed to the ultimate good in the universal trend. That which seems to be opposition is in our own minds which often work contrary to the divine purpose. The creative trend of the Universe, or the will and purpose of God is to dissolve ignorance just as light dissolves darkness.

5. We have seen them—them used in this sense always refers to the Masters—put forth a word and what that word represented would come into existence immediately. There was no time element at all. In fact, there is no way of placing a time element upon the spoken word if the energy—Spirit—is in it. As they put it, a word spoken directly with the impetus of true thought behind it must create that very condition instantly. It is quite evident that the Western World looks upon a word as less potent. That is, a word may be spoken, but with no energy behind it it loses its potency entirely. It is often said that this is why the Western World gets into such childish prattle. It fails to put the proper value upon its words.

6. Now the thought which possesses the proper selectivity, or which possesses the force which belongs to it, should always be given to the word not to drive that word through will, or the force of the will, but to give that word the power which belongs to it. That of course is the power of the Spirit, and this is in-

cluded in our words only through highly selected thought, thought which corresponds to the creative purposes of the Universe. In that way the will, while it has directive ability, sends the word forth, but it is not the will that gives power to the spoken word. The will selects or enters into the selection of thought and the speaking of the word, but the power is conceded or admitted through an enlarged consciousness of the presence and power of Spirit. But when a word is selected for its meaning or its use, it is always selected in the frequency where it belongs and is placed there.

7. This should eliminate the fear which many have of negative words and at the same time should inspire the individual to a more intelligent selection of his words and how to put them to better use. "To think the thoughts of God after him" would be the essence of spiritual power for back of such words would be the very power that created the heavens and the earth. Man's words should always be an outlet for his own innate spiritual nature and a means of establishing this spiritual nature in his outer being. To speak only in harmony with the highest and most constructive ideals would be to speak with the greatest power, and in this way that which seems the greatest improbability would become the most probable in that such words have the greater power. In other words, the more Godlike the thought, the realization and the conscious-

ness, the greater the power involved in the process.

8. In that, as the Eastern Philosophers put it, you could not be separated from Principle one iota if you would use selective words. Therefore, every word that is put out can be selective. Then you are not energizing a negative condition, but you are only energizing a positive condition. You are only giving energy to that one conclusion.

9. The Hindoo, or the Aryan always puts it: "Man is the creator of words; therefore, man is the selector, or he has dominion over those words, and he selects, or places words in existence which must operate or become potent. Now in the measure that he uses this fact rightly, there is no way of connecting that power with negative words, as they put it. Consequently, negative words do not enter into or have any consideration from the individual who wishes to manifest forms. This thought of manifest form is always that condition brought into existence wherein man is able to create. That is where man has dominion over every word spoken. The Sanskrit language in one of its phases allows for that condition. There is in that the power to manifest. By that we mean that one position of the Sanskrit language allows only four positive words, or statements. That is, words that can be made into positive statements and from these there is no deviation.

10. Naturally everyone asks what those four posi-

tive words are. They are always words which mean the positive declaration of facts. Each one can select them. Of course, the most positive word is the first word, God. Going back to that Principle you would formulate your statement with that as a basis; you would formulate with that word whatever positive sentence you wished. Thereby is the power of the spoken word. Your key word is always the highest, or God. Then you select the words which accompany that for your positive declaration.

11. Just as all mathematical calculation springs from the Unit symbolized by the figure 1, so must all words emanate from a single derivative, or principle. GOD IS, and because God is, I AM. Because God is life, I am life. Because God is intelligence, I am intelligence. Because God is power, I am power. Because God is all substance, I am substance, et cetera. Father in Sanskrit means first mover, and the first movement of the mind of the individual must always emanate from the One Source, and it must be sustained through the consciousness of the individual. To admit anything into the individual consciousness that does not originate in the facts of God is to adulterate the process of life through him, and to this extent he becomes unaware of the fulness of his Divinity. He must give himself to the underlying facts of life in their entirety; he must carry at Jerusalem, his contact with the all, until the Holy, or entire spirit of God is the

motivating energy of his every thought, word and act.

12. Man cannot express a word or thought outside of his own field of competency with any manifesting power. He cannot go outside of that field because that very word which he expresses creates the field in which he acts.

13. The average person does not really know what a word is. It is merely a vehicle used in the processes of mind to convey or extend certain processes of the mind. The word cannot convey that which is not in the mind. Webster says that a "name" implies the "essential nature" of a thing. A word is only a name for certain states of consciousness and that is something that rests with the individual himself. One person may say "I am happy" and it would convey nothing to another individual hearing the word. If his consciousness is only a bit joyous his words would convey but little authority. But if he were radiant with joy his words would convey complete conviction. Idle words are empty words, words which do not contain the consciousness and realization of spiritual facts. You see, a word as we use it is just what it contains, and the content of the word is determined by our consciousness, and our consciousness is determined by the degree of intelligent selection which we use.

14. It is not repetition that makes a word effective. His first declaration, if it be true, is sufficient. There is nothing left to do but stand by your statement, abide

in your word. Repetition, however, is often an effective means of bringing one into accord with the possibilities contained within a statement. One often repeats a sentence or rule over and over before the meaning is clearly revealed to his consciousness. Without this expansion of the mind toward the inner facts repetition is only hypnotic.

15. If man repeats words and they do not become hypnotic to him, this repetition brings him into closer accord with the facts back of the words. It effects a higher realization. It is worth while to repeat up to a certain point, and then it is not worth while even to repeat because your word is established unto you. When you understand that your word is clearly established repetition is of no more value whatever. In REALITY, we come to understand that our word is always established, and we never repeat it.

16. If the manifestation of your word does not appear, that is no proof of its ineffectiveness. The better policy in such a case is to give thanks that the manifestation is there. You get out of doubt completely in that way. But, by going on and repeating your word you may very quickly begin to engender doubt; whereas if you give thanks you are more closely in harmony with your word and become more easily aware that your word is established.

17. The mere repetition of a word does not establish it any more firmly. It only brings you into har-

mony with that which IS. It is very often possible to bring yourself into more harmonious relationship by giving thanks that it is here NOW, and that it is established.

18. When one realizes that the whole problem of manifest results is more a matter of opening up the consciousness to see or include something which already exists in Fact, instead of trying to bring something that is not out into manifest form, then the matter will be much simpler. It is "the land thou seest, that will I give unto thee as an inheritance," that contains all the mystery. If it is a fact in Spirit, it is a fact everywhere, and on all so-called planes, for there is only one plane and that is spiritual. As the mind expands to see or grasp the spiritual fact, there can be no question whatever about the manifestation of that fact. If it is so in God, it is so everywhere for God is all. It is all a matter of awareness upon our part, and our awareness must be expanded to include the reality and existence of the Spiritual fact.

19. That was Jesus' method of working. Every word was established unto him. He exalted every word through his exalted consciousness, knowing that it was already in existence. The Hindoo stands in the same position. He states his declaration, and then he may say that it is finished. They take the attitude that it is already finished; it is already in existence; it is theirs; and then they go on. One accomplishes far

more in that way than to go back to the repetition and it seems to always make one stronger.

20. In the matter of treatment of so-called disease, the average metaphysician makes the mistake of dealing with the opposites, disease and health. Here are two conditions, the one to replace the other. In the East they do not work in this way any more than did Jesus. When you seek for perfection, know that it is established unto you. Exalt perfection. Perfection exists independent of both the opposites of health and disease. Perfection is an eternally established fact in principle and it is complete within itself on every so-called plane. Both health and disease are delusions according to Eastern Philosophy, for they are only human concepts. For instance, your own idea of health today would not suffice you in five years from now, for health is a relative idea in your own consciousness. There is nothing relative in Being, all is complete, all is perfect, and the true practitioner identifies himself with reality and does not deal with delusion. Let go of the opposites altogether and put in their place the perfection. We find that Jesus did not in any instance treat with the opposites. He put into the place of both the opposites the true perfection. His great statement was perfection always, and that perfection was always established unto him.

21. If I place on the blackboard the figures two plus two equals three, and then follow it with two plus

two equals five, would you deal with the three and five and try to establish the right answer? No, you go right through these figures, deal with the fact that two plus two equals four, and both these extremes would vanish. That which is less or more than the correct answer has nothing to do with the fact in Principle, and it is only by bringing the fact of principle to bear upon the situation that any correct answer is possible. Our ideas of health and disease are both less than the perfection which is established in the foundations of the Universe, and never can that which is less than perfection be made into perfection. You are dealing with something unrelated to either of these extremes. "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect," is the correct standard of procedure here.

22. Most people fail in the so-called demonstration because they make a statement of perfection and then immediately begin to look back into the matter of the opposites. Only "if thine eye be single shall thy body be filled with light." Lot's wife turned and saw double and her body became stone or salt. "Now, henceforth and forever, see only perfection," said Jesus. The moment that we establish perfection, the Christ stands forth dominant. Each works to establish the other, for the fact in Spirit is the form of its manifestation.

23. The effect of true spiritual treatment is not dependent upon the degree of unfoldment or spiritual development of the person "treated." We need not

bother about his consciousness for it is based upon the opposites else he would not be ill. The spiritual Fact IS, and the moment we stand in perfection our consciousness is perfect as well.

24. Speaking the Word is never hypnotic, for it is the essence of the true nature of all creation. Treatment, or speaking the Word, is not projecting our ideas of health to offset disease. This latter is hypnotic. Speaking the Word is only telling the Truth, declaring that which always has been and always will be true of any individual, condition or circumstance, in Principle. Hypnosis is a result of speaking from the human mind with its imperfect concepts.

25. It is not necessary that the sick or needy person ask for your help, nor that he be conscious that you are sending forth the Word to him. If you send it forth on the Christ Right Ray, you are merely presenting his own innate perfection to him. In this way you both liberate yourself and him, for you are not dealing with anything but fact. You are not working against the will of any individual when you work with perfection, for the innate will of everyone is for perfection. This rather frees his will from its entanglements in the realm of false habits and concepts. There is no so-called "Influence" in this sort of facing the situation. It is merely calling forth that which has always existed until it arrests the attention of everyone involved, and they merely see that it is so.

26. There is power in the spoken word always if we see it as Spirit, for then it can be nothing but Spirit. We are the determinator. We are both the power and the expressor of that power, and we are the sole determinator of what that word shall carry with it. There is power in medicine on exactly this same basis. It is not the conveyor or means by which the mind of the patient is expanded to admit the creative authority of the Universe. God is in the doctor, the patient or the pill. Any individual, regardless of his profession or status, need only project the perfection. Of course if we would always work in that perfection and manifestation of perfection we would soon get out of Medicine completely. Our Word would heal.

27. There is no harm in using any agency in an attempt to minister to the needs of suffering mankind. There are many steps and many methods, but only one Power. If our ideal is Perfection, we are going to arrive at a point where there are no agencies. The agency which an individual employs only indicates the progress he has made in his own mind as to the suitable and most efficient means of admitting perfection into his being. One thinks it must come through a pill, one thinks it will come through affirmations, but through whatever it comes, it is the Perfection of Principle that manifests. Only the highest ideals are adequate to contain the full measure of power that exists in Divine Principle, for the larger the container

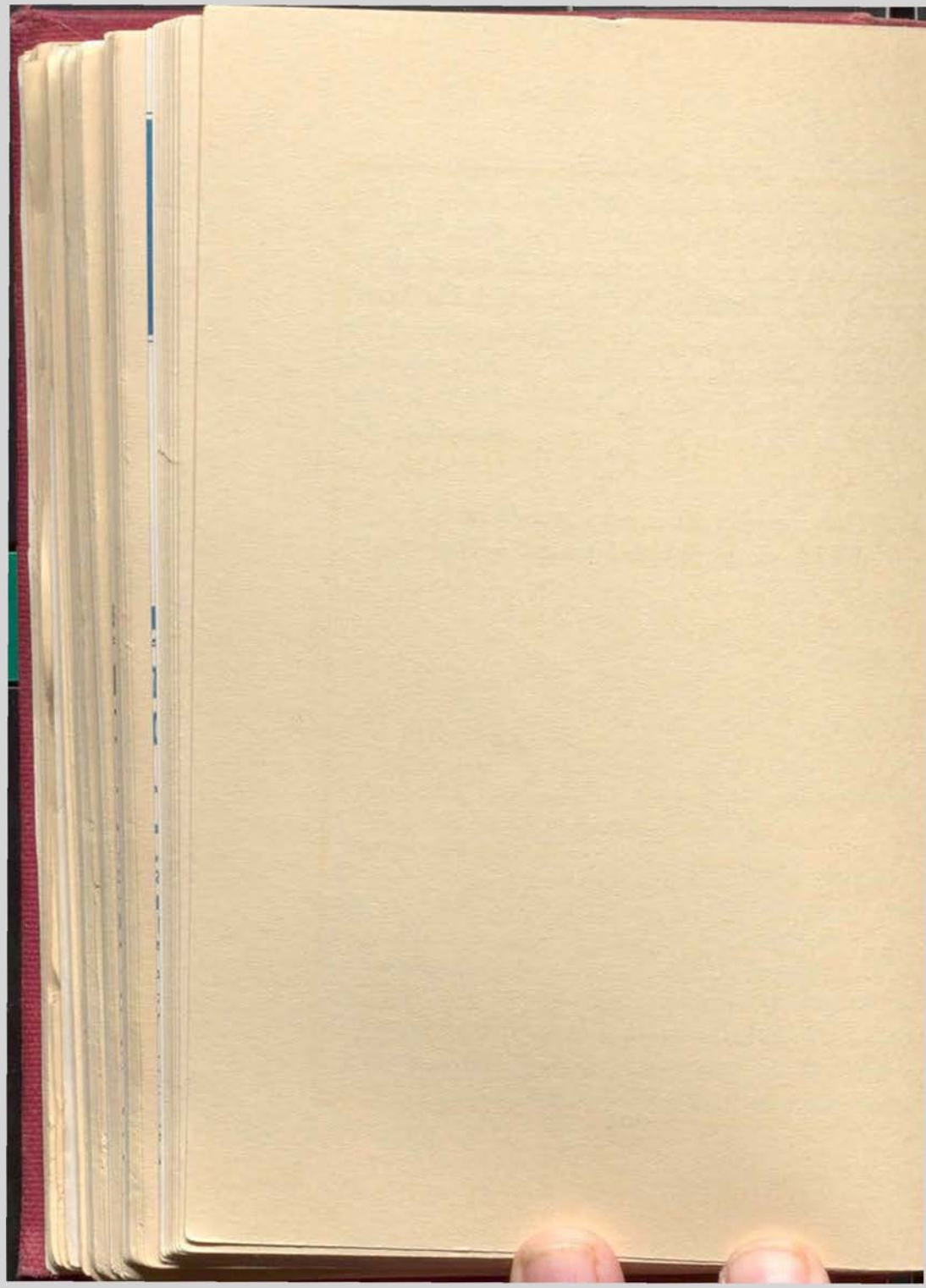
the more can be conveyed. When the container and the contained are one—Perfection—then it is complete in every plane.

28. In treating at a distance, or what metaphysicians call absent treatment, thought is more rapid and potent than words. Thought does not know time and space, while words or audible sounds belong on the material plane and must traverse space and endure in time in order to reach its destination. Notice how instantly your thought is at the sun, the center of the earth, or at any other place. Thought does not travel, it is already there. Every fact in Spirit is already there, and further it is already in evidence. To see this fact is to lift yourself into this fact, and to see it for another is to lift him into it. I, if I be lifted up—if the perceptive faculty is lifted up to the plane of reality it draws all things into this realm. This is the true approach, rather than to try to lift anything or anybody into the perfect states. We might as well try to make energy out of earth by using a pick and shovel.

29. We know a man in India who walks through a storm just by the presentation of perfection of that storm. He will walk through a storm and never get wet. We have seen him stop fires and storms. Man himself is the Word of God if he abides in that Word. "If ye abide in my Word and my Word abides in you, then are you in me even as I am in you," is the truth of the whole thing. When Jesus sent his Word and healed

the Centurion's daughter he did not send anything as we measure it in the three dimensional world. Jesus, or Christ, WAS the Word himself, but there was not anything that was made but that which was made by the same Word. Therefore the Word which He "sent" did not traverse space, for the Word was there as the Truth of the Centurion's daughter, just as it was with Him. He simply announced a Universally True spiritual Fact and outer minds became awakened to this Fact.

30. "Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie
Which we ascribe to Heaven."—*Shakespeare.*



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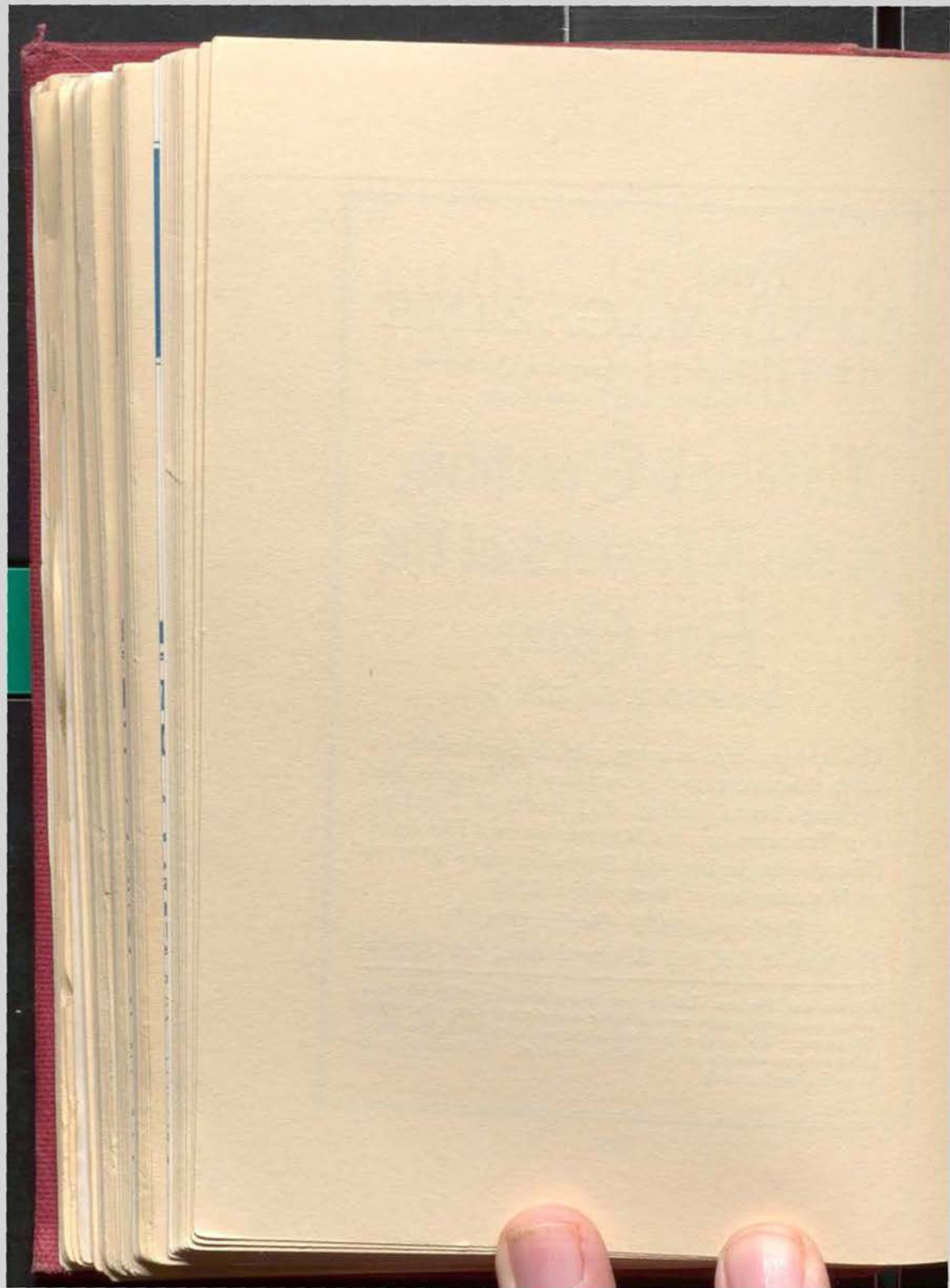
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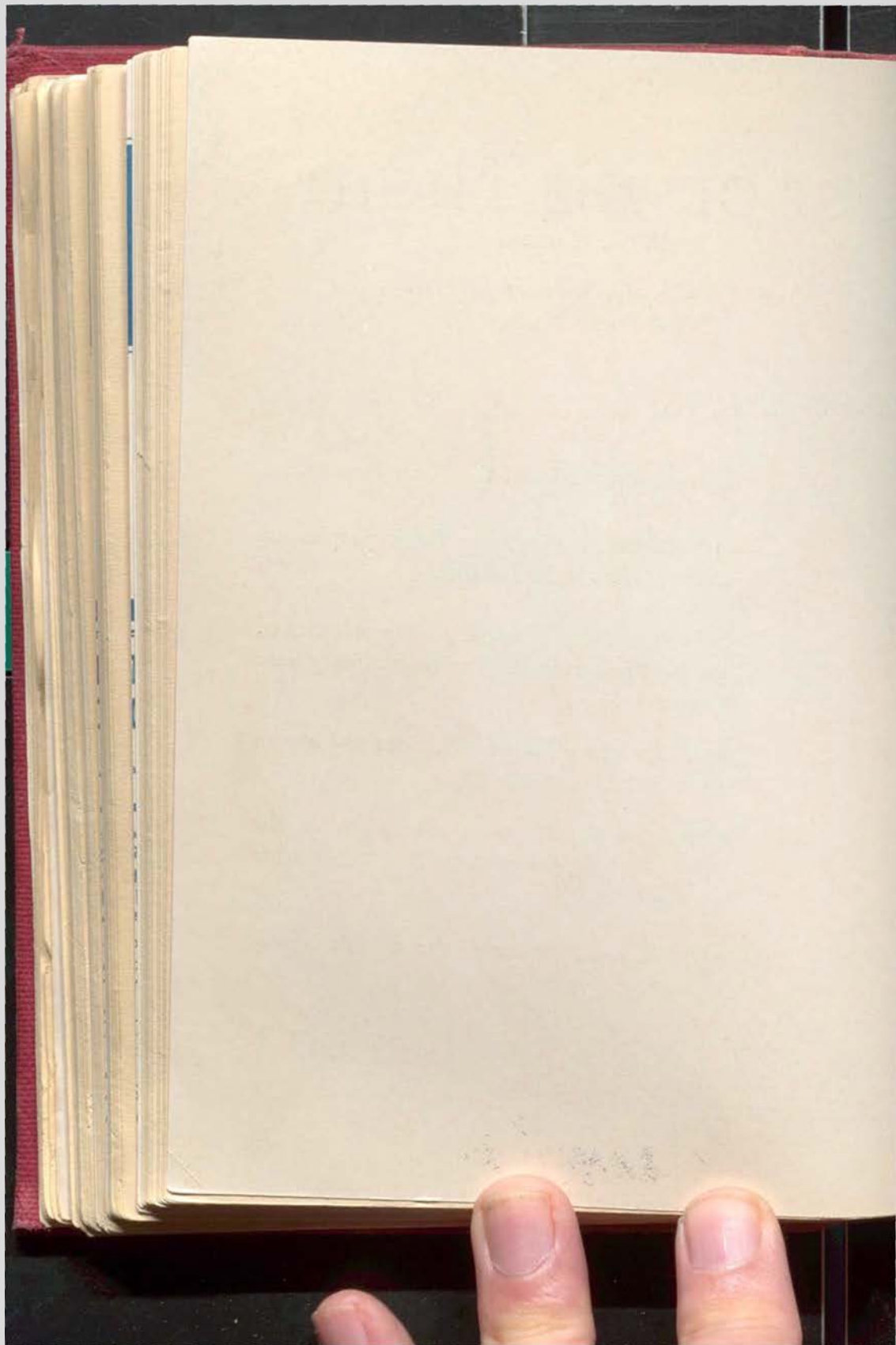
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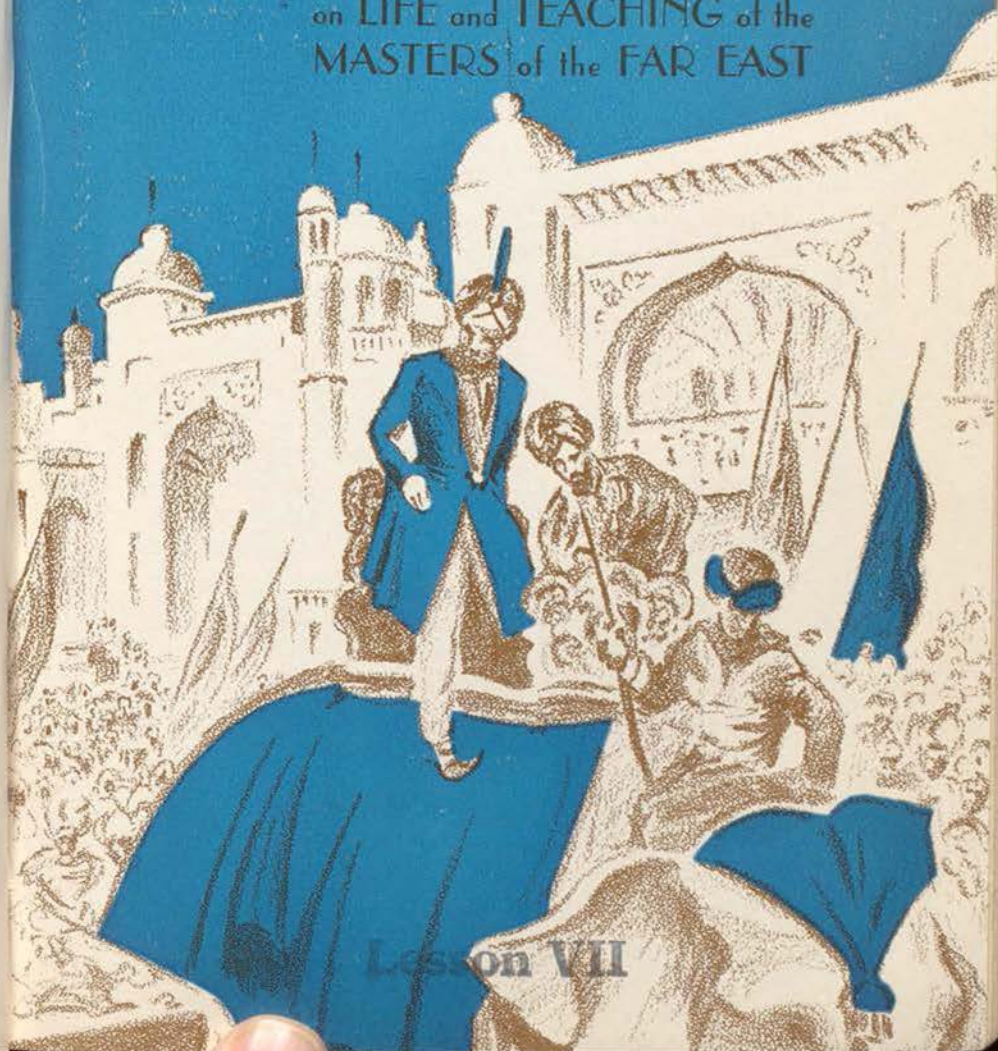
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CONSCIOUSNESS

1. Consciousness is man's state of awareness. It is the capacity of the mind to know, and its knowing determines his capacities along all lines. Man may be aware of that which is true, or he may develop in his mind a sense of awareness that has the semblance of reality but which is entirely false. The truth or falsity of his estate is therefore dependent upon his state of awareness or his consciousness.

2. Consciousness must be that which represents the highest attributes. It must be related to all high attributes. We carry our consciousness to God consciousness wherein we are aware of all things including ourselves in the highest state. That is the state where we see through all conditions and all circumstances. As the Masters say, the veil is then completely removed—the veil that hitherto seemed to exist between the

mortal or physical and Spirit. There is no limitation here. The mortal and physical conceptions are abandoned completely for the true Spiritual.

3. This spiritual consciousness does not exclude sense activity. True sense activity is included in the highest consciousness always. Sense activity in its rightful function is true spiritual activity. The senses—so-called—act in a limited manner only when not under the right determining influence. When activated by the Spiritual facts the senses function properly and are then said to be opened.

4. The question is often asked in what state of consciousness is the individual when in trance. Trance is only a partial expression of sense activity. We might just as well carry our consciousness to the true activity or completion always, and when this partial expression becomes one with true activity we are never in trance and we are never under any destructive hypnotic condition.

5. This same fact applies to what we commonly classify as subdivisions of consciousness. One should not attempt to classify consciousness for it cannot be subdivided. It is ONE consciousness, and in that state we cannot think in terms of divisions or separations. The subdivisions are illusions, the same as illusionary trance. They are so subtle that they can be very deceptive to one who is not using higher discrimina-

tion. It is so much easier to see it all as One. The subdivisions originated with man. Man saw the subdivisions as attributes when they are really not such at all.

6. The thought of most teachers is possibly for clarity in conveying the message, but it is better for them always to make it One thing. Simplicity in the end is always the greatest clarity. The trouble with subdivisions is that they are almost always considered as attributes. It is better to keep our eye fixed on One. We get into negative conditions through using the subdivisions. They are nearly always symbolic, and most of our symbols represent the subdivisions of consciousness. That is another reason why symbols no longer suffice. It is well known today that we have worked through symbolism. As the Masters say, we are in the pure light of day in consciousness. It becomes far simpler to have that consciousness, the complete Light, as our aim without any subdivisions whatever.

7. Take the matter of eating, digesting, assimilating and the rebuilding of the body through the conversion of food into energy, muscle, bone, blood, teeth, hair, et cetera. Imagine that you worked out a theory that each one of these is a separate function to be dealt with individually, and that you had to determine with each meal just what portion of your food would be handled through each one of these particular functions and just when each would function in turn.

How could you escape confusion? The fact is, you recognize it as one process with many phases and each one of these phases is a self-operative process within a single system. In a normal physical state there is not a single phase of the entire system that functions independently, but every one of the various phases is but the working out of the single system.

8. The body is only a symbol of the soul or the man who lives within the body. That is, the body is a symbol of the workings of consciousness. To protect and determine that which enters into consciousness, which is through the control of one's attention, the entire system of consciousness is self-operative as a single system. There is not conscious, subconscious, super-conscious, but just one radiant living consciousness of reality. This is the state of complete freedom from symbols and therefore from hypnosis.

9. Some people become so interested in the psychic sense or the lower phases of consciousness that a complete earth life is given over to it to the extent that the true consciousness cannot manifest. The best solution is to simply let go of it and become one with the Whole. This is what Paul inferred when he said "reckon ye yourself to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God." The difference is in clear knowing and influenced knowing. Clear vision is what clairvoyance intends to convey, but the commonly accepted mean-

ing of clairvoyance is partial or clouded viewing—seeing only in part.

10. There can be certain relative phenomena brought into existence through clairvoyance and clair-audience as it is practiced or any of the five divisions of consciousness, but they can never be or lead to the Whole. You see, they may become false and under a manifestation of these conditions we may get a false concept completely, which I usually refer to as a negative concept. When we stand one with the whole we cannot be either negative or false. It should be clear knowing of Truth itself. We cannot reach that state of Knowing, or that One Consciousness through mediumship or any other form of hypnosis. All are distinctly detrimental to spiritual unfoldment.

11. In that high sense all senses become One. They all become One in perfect co-ordination. Our senses co-ordinate absolutely and every part and cell of our bodies co-ordinate and vibrate in unison. One great trouble with these other conditions is that we are liable to have one member of the body vibrating in the wrong field, and then the new cells do not attach themselves properly to the organ to which they belong. Each cell that is created represents the organ to which it will attach itself. If one cell gets out of the vibratory field in which it belongs it may attach itself to the wrong organ and then you have a discordant condition.

12. This discord is often extremely intensified by the various occult methods of concentration upon the physical centers or organs. This practice only superimposes a hypnotic state more definitely into the manifest form and greater confusion results. In the first place hypnosis is only a function of a partial consciousness, or a specialized consciousness is some particular form or direction. Therefore the more diversified and departmental the consciousness, the more hypnotic it becomes. And to wilfully work in subdivisions and phases of consciousness would be the most definitely hypnotic in influence. The attention should always be directed into the whole, into complete oneness, and then the distribution of vibratory energy is carried on through the natural processes of mental assimilation through the mechanism of consciousness just as it is in the body. Then there is perfect synchronization or harmony throughout the entire organism.

13. The idea of an inner and an outer consciousness is also a phase of hypnosis for the theory imposes a sense of separation or division. There is in reality not an inner and an outer consciousness, a personal consciousness and a universal one. When the Self becomes conscious in the outer it is only one attitude of consciousness and it is complete in every way, and it is ONE in and with universal consciousness. I and my Father are ONE.

14. We are then not conscious of an inner for the inner and outer are one. The whole is always evident. If we see and project our vision or our Ideal, it is for that complete wholeness. The Masters call that being of "sound mind," or completely *sound* in consciousness. It is perfectly sound and whole. The body is perfectly sound and perfectly whole as well. The Knower and the thing known become One. Paul included that in his writings, but it was never included in the translations. We can become the known as well as the Knower if we will complete the two and bring them together. The trouble is that we make a separation when in reality none exists.

15. The practice of denial as an effective means of liberation into this perfect state should also be intelligently considered in this light. Denial is supposed to erase from the mind, or blot out of consciousness, hence out of man's being, an experience or process that is not true or that is seemingly opposed to his perfect state of completion or oneness. But is the ordinary use of denial as practiced on our metaphysics an efficient means in bringing about this liberation? If the denial as it is commonly used produces the desired result then well and good, but if not let us find out what is back of it and what is the efficient practice involved.

16. Let us take a specific case of denial in its relationship to what is commonly considered the law of

heredity. Denial is in no sense necessary. It has a tendency always to plunge one further into illusion because the denial keeps the mind fixed upon the condition and it is thereby more likely to intensify that condition. The mind naturally enlarges upon that condition toward which it is directed. The purpose is that the condition be eliminated entirely, and in order for this to be brought about it must be put out of consideration altogether. It is not to be countenanced.

17. In reality there is no law of heredity. It is only a manifestation. It is not necessary to deny something that does not exist. You will find it far better to put perfection in the place of denial. You will get quicker results. Usually a denial holds it closer to the individual, whereas by putting Perfection in the place of the denial, you realize that condition far more quickly. And it does not matter what the condition is. It has been shown by repeated experiments that it is far better to simply release the condition. Free it entirely through non-attention. Dismiss it. That was evidently Jesus' meaning when he said: "loose him and let him go."

18. There is neither race nor family heredity for the one presupposes the other. People may look alike, but this is always because of some former close relationship or similarity of past experience and environment. There is an apparent chromosomatic condition that shows process of evolution running parallel but

these processes are not in reality parallel processes or parallel evolutionary conditions. They do, of course, run parallel with the human race as well as with the animal kingdom, but not with the same frequency by any means. It is a well known fact today that every frequency of the human body is above that of the animal frequency. The transmission of the acquired characteristics can be influenced through the thought, but it can also be set aside through the reversal of thought.

19. It is a state of mind that causes the characteristics of form, and similarity in form is due to the similarity of mental and emotional experiences of individuals in a group. Two people, not much alike in the beginning, through long association with each other and enduring the same general mental and emotional reactions ultimately develop similar characteristics. A man and a woman living together over a period of years, if they have sympathetic interests and mutual emotional reactions, begin to look alike. This is a reproduction of similar mental states.

20. Medical science today is quite reversing its former opinions regarding hereditary disease. When Jesus healed the epileptic the disciples wanted to know whether the man or his parents had sinned. This was His direct answer: "Neither this man nor his parents have sinned, unless you see the sin." It was only sin because of the thought of the parents or those sur-

rounding him. In reality the only sin connected with the condition was the sin in erroneous thinking.

21. The so-called law of Karma comes under the same category. It can be proved today that there is no debt of Karma, that the Soul does not bring any of this through. Spiritual understanding takes no account of Karmic conditions, or any imperfect condition. It is as foolish to say that one must correct his mistakes in mathematics before he can study the rule. The fact is that the mistake is erased of itself when one applies himself to the rule. One's access to the rule is always direct no matter what his mistakes are, and once the rule is known and followed there are no false results.

22. The leading and better Universities in India, and particularly Dr. Bose of Calcutta University, are making the statement today that there would be no appearance of what we call heredity if people would drop it out of their thought completely. Even with the plant heredity may be shown, but it can be corrected by the thoughts of the people surrounding that plant.

23. That which is commonly accepted as inherited insanity is only a condition fastened upon them by other people. They are in parallel groups. It is an attraction and not an inheritance. Instead of accepting this theory of heredity Paul's idea that we have an

inheritance from God that is immutable and cannot be changed should be substituted. This is the effective denial of race heredity—the substitution of the true for the false, leaving the false entirely outside the range of our consideration. God has nothing to do with things that obsess the human mind, and we as sons of God need not have.

24. Jesus said to call no man on earth your father for one is your Father which is in Heaven. This then is man's true line of inheritance, and to get out of his mind these intervening mental processes he has but to return to the foundation fact of his being. In the beginning God created—that is, the beginning of all creation is in God. That does not refer to time but to fact. With nothing in his thought between himself and his beginning there could be no other line of inheritance for nothing would have access to his being from any other source. Thought is always the determining factor, and by returning always to his beginning, God, man always inherits through his own mind that which is FROM his beginning.

25. In the second chapter of Genesis we have a wrong translation that has done much toward our erroneous idea of sin and the matter of inheritance. It does not mean that man sinned and thereby became mortal, and this immortality was handed on down to the rest of us. It did not intend to convey that the sin reversed man's nature, but that the sin itself could

have been reversed, that it could have been corrected. At that time it merely meant an error in procedure, but the instruction was that the error could be corrected. Jesus taught the remission of sin rather than its perpetuation with consequent results. Mistakes can be REVERSED is the teaching.

26. All the so-called human laws, or mental laws, belong in this category. They are all mistakes in that they do not define the true governing law of the Universe and all things therein. But they can be set aside at any time. They are denied by merely rejecting them in favor of the true law. Bose has proved that conclusively. He states that all so-called laws of heredity are only manifestations brought about by the thoughts of men and can be set completely aside at any time.

27. First, however, we must become one with the Christ Self. It takes a Christ consciousness to set these laws aside just as it takes true knowledge to set aside false beliefs. This Christ state must first be attained, or unfolded, and once in this state, there is of course nothing else.

28. Hypnosis may spring from two conditions, a partial state of consciousness or a false state of consciousness. A partial state of consciousness admits of certain capabilities, and one feels limited or unable to go beyond that which is consciousness indicates. All

restraint, or the sense of inability to accomplish, is only a state of partial hypnosis. The false state of consciousness is the notion that certain things are true which are not true at all. This is a state of complete ignorance of reality. It is a mental state built up of impressions that are entirely false, states of consciousness built up regarding something—if it can be so stated—that does not exist at all, or on the other hand, a set of impressions that are entirely false regarding a thing that in itself is entirely true.

29. This might be illustrated with the notion once held by man that the earth is flat. The hypnotic result was that men were held within certain restricted zones of activity, fearing to go beyond these restricted areas lest they should fall off the edges of the earth. That idea seems completely silly now that we know the earth to be round. It was round all the time, but the people were as limited in their activity as if the earth itself had actually been flat with a great chasm spreading beyond these edges. Adventurers who had another notion about the earth dared to venture beyond the limitations in which others lived, and they sailed out across the chasm without any difficulty so far as they were concerned for to them they did not exist, nor did they exist in fact. However, the others knew they would fall into it. The manner in which the condition was met was not in overcoming the chasm for there was no such thing. It was simply a

matter of sailing out beyond the limitations of opinions, and it was found that no actual limitation existed at all. This is exactly the manner in which the Masters meet every situation. "What appears exists not at all," they say. They are not hypnotized by the opinions held by the race, nor conditions as they appear to the race, for they know reality. Their determination is in the realm of facts, and they traverse time and space just as Columbus sailed across the edges of the earth. There were no edges to the earth and there is no time and space to the Master. They are all illusions just as the flat earth with its edges was an illusion.

30. This is what Jesus meant when He said, Get thee behind me, Satan, as it is translated. In reality He said "Get thee behind me, limitation," for there is no such thing. He put it out of the range of His consideration and conduct, for in his illumined state there were no such things. He saw through the hypnotic spell, the veil in the temple, and lived wholly in reality.

31. In sleep the consciousness becomes completely universal. It becomes Knowing, with all attributes alert. That is why we can often do in our sleep what we cannot do when awake. We submerge it because of our outer activities during the day. We go on in a great hurry during the day so that we become completely exhausted when night comes, and our consciousness immediately floods back to the All-knowing

condition though we do not know it. We are not conscious of what is taking place. We should be just as conscious as in our so-called waking condition. Sleep allows that complete consciousness to come into function.

32. That is why psycho-analysis lays such stress on the dream state as being superior to the waking state when used rationally and in its right order. But the two—the sleeping and waking states—should be exactly the same. If we would turn our thoughts to this higher consciousness we would be in that realm always. We would KNOW. The dream is more of a clairvoyant state of a very low order unless we do turn our minds to a higher condition, or knowing state. If we do this our dreams are true always and are not something that has not actually happened to us at all. Dreams ordinarily are a mixture of the earthly and the higher experiences. If our thoughts were always of that higher condition our dreams would correspond. Our days would be concluded the moment we went to sleep.

33. Some times when a man is up against a stone wall, so to speak, due to serious problems which he cannot seem to solve, his state of exhaustion appears to quiet the outer and very often the solution comes through. He has merely carried on the false practices of living until he has contracted his being as far as he can. It is just the same as if he had gone to sleep.

The cessation of activity through exhaustion caused his mind to let go of the condition and then the solution came through.

34. The method of relaxation which the Masters use is to let go completely of any outer condition and always project their thoughts to a perfect activity. The physical, emotional and mental must be stilled by directing the attention higher.

35. The difference between the ordinary dream and a nightmare is that in the nightmare you have the psychic phenomena in evidence becoming connected with an outer activity and always thus permitting anything to come in, the same as in psychism or mesmeric influence. I have seen people hypnotized and they were not themselves at all. They would act like monkeys or go about barking like dogs. This is quite similar to the nightmare.

36. When you are in the nightmare it is possible to come out of it if you will think of what you would think if you were in the waking state. A patient has been known to cure himself entirely of extreme cases of nightmare by thinking while experiencing the nightmare, "Just what would I do if I were in the waking state?" He would have accomplished the same result more quickly had he thought what he would do were he in a perfect state of spiritual consciousness, and would have raised himself nearer to

that state. If he would ask himself what he would accomplish if he could see directly through to the Spiritual, it would have been much simpler and more beneficial because it would be permanent. The breaking up of a nightmare becomes automatic if just before you go to sleep you declare that you are one with perfection. It has no chance to enter when in this state.

37. This same practice can be applied equally to the so-called waking state. All negative conditions and difficult problems can be corrected and solved every time by this method. You will find it very practical to ask yourself, when faced with problems or apparent negative conditions, what you would do if you were in Spiritual Consciousness. Get rid of the complexities of earthly living in this way. It is really just as simple as that.

38. To "be still and know that I am God" covers the case perfectly for that is the completion of it all. And that other phrase, "God is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silent before God and rejoice," is equally applicable. And again, "In everlasting Joy all things have their birth."

39. Joy is the very highest state. It is the exaltation of Soul as physical pleasure is the exaltation of the body. But it is the true emotional state of man, born from his inner release into the truth of his being.

It is only when we get out of that condition of Joy and Harmony that we begin to get separated from the Highest. You are going to hear a great deal of that talk in the coming years in all theological schools. It is quite remarkable how that is now being brought about and how this change is manifesting even in the teaching of children to become harmonious and to let the turmoil around them go on as it pleases without becoming a part of it.

40. The moment you train children to react to constructive ideals and band together to promote harmony, developing the mass instinct in this way, you are destroying the very root of all unhappiness, misery, want and war in the world. Our past method has been to develop the sense of strife. The moment that some one acted in a manner that aroused any resentment or resistance everyone else began to take on the same attitude and in this way we have been trained to develop the sense of strife. Only by reversing the process and getting back to the true state will we find our perfect and social structure coming into the world.

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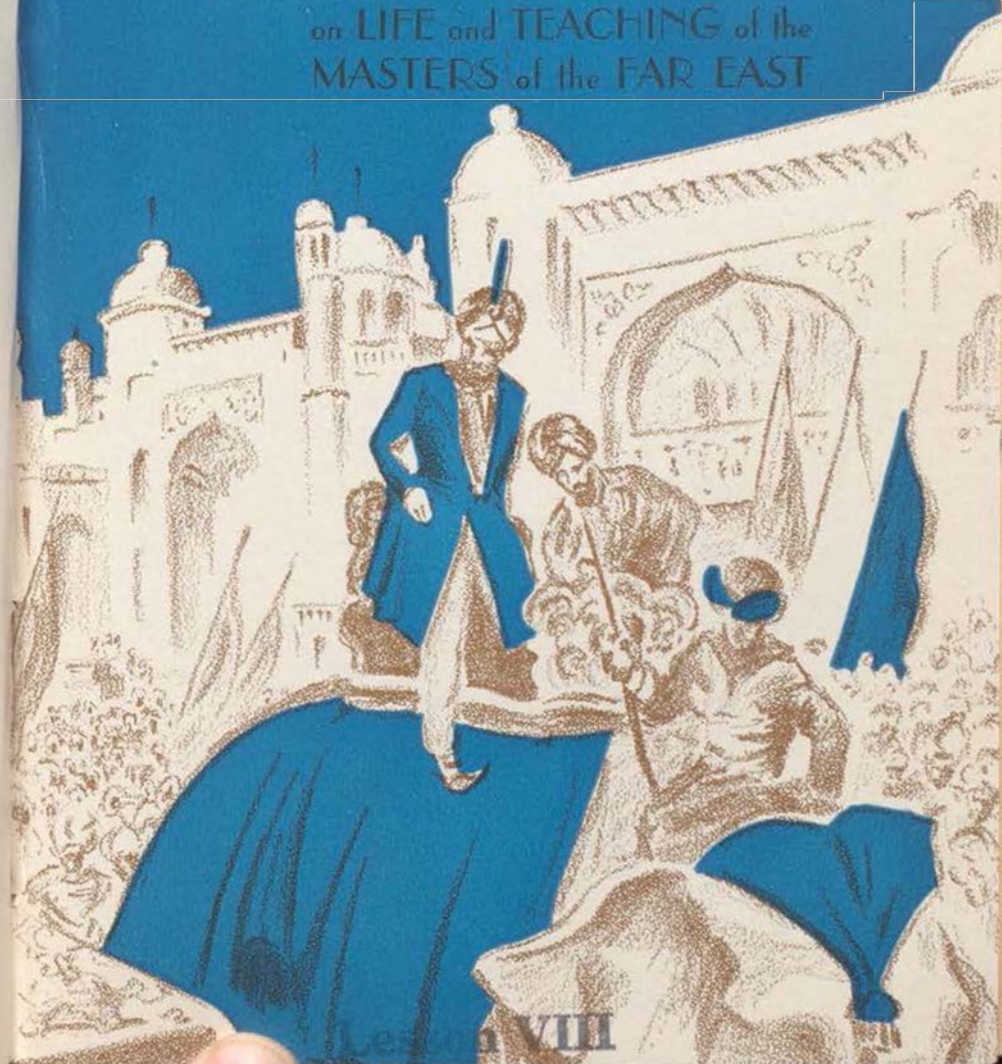
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1. People generally are interested in the Masters' idea of God and the location of God. We shall therefore consider this idea in the present lesson. However, it will be impossible to consider their idea without including man for to them they are inseparable.

2. The Masters talk of God considerably, but they consider It as One attribute of Being—Being as one attribute, or a single entity comprising the entire universal system, visible and invisible. The mind of man got its idea of God through superstition about God. They saw them nothing but the graven image. It was then necessary to bring them back to the realization that they are God, there being no separation between the individual and the Universal, that man is an integral part of the whole and is identical in nature with the whole.

3. They teach that God is right within man always, just as Jesus Christ taught. That is always the attitude and thought of the illumined. Man is God. That statement, "I am God," is one of the most definite statements that man can use. We have never known them to give instructions in writing. But they do give oral instructions or oral talks. They do not call their talks instructions. They are simply stating facts which are obvious, and they assume that the obvious should be known universally. Therefore they do not teach, but merely confirm what all men instinctively know, and which is universally true.

4. As a guide in individual progress they suggest reading the Mahabharata, the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Gita. This reading is suggested as preparation for one who desires to take the real inner work, and for concentration. A few verses at a time are best. They never suggest reading a whole book through. They often read but one sentence in a whole day. The instructions given in the Gita are steps toward the accomplishment of individual perception of what God really is, and to really bring the individual into the consciousness of what it means.

5. No man will actually know God until he himself experiences the realization of God within himself. "NO man knoweth the things of God except the spirit of God which is in him reveal them." The preparatory work prior to the discovery of the inner

or secret doctrine as it is sometimes called is the result of training the mind to grasp that which is within the statements, for that is the inner work or inner doctrine. It is like studying to understand the meaning of a mathematical rule. The thought is that when one has trained himself to gain the knowledge of the inner meaning of the teachings of the Gita or the Bible, or any other Sacred book, he is then in position to make an inner search of himself to find the inner meaning of his own being. Man is not a physical organism, but that inner self living through a physical organism. The inner work is finding the Self which is the God-Self.

6. There are so many orthodox conceptions today that hold to the theory that God is made in the image and likeness of man instead of the truth that man is made in the image and likeness of God. But they think of man as physical rather than that which is back of the physical, the inner Self. Man is really the image and likeness of God.

7. If God is the sum of all things visible and invisible, the Infinite One, the image of God embraces all time and space for there is nothing but God. Man could only be created in or within His image for there could be no outside where man could be created. He subsists within the very image of God, as your thoughts exist within and live as an integral part of your mind. Not only is man created within this

image of God or contained within the allness of God, but he is made of the very essence of the God nature, like unto it. If the cause is God, the effect is God in manifestation. Cause and effect must be one. Can there be thought without mind, and can there be mind without thought?

8. The union of every condition brings man right back to God. He does not need to attain. He is God. That is wholeness of Principle. The materiality of illusion is that which gets us into all kinds of difficulties and strife. In that complete unification of Principle in man we get out of objectification entirely as we know objectification. There is a pure manifestation of God, but it is not a material or limited objectification. It is a state of conscious expression of all that Principle is. But there is not the slightest degree of separation or limitation. It is like a ray of light among innumerable rays of light, and that altogether make the light that is universal, but each ray IS light.

9. The statement "I am God" accompanied by the realization of what is truly involved in it will heal any condition instantly. If you realize it and see nothing but that Truth, only that Truth can manifest. In treating yourself or another you only see and declare the eternal Unity with God. That Light comes forth instantly for it is the true light, and then we know that unity is in existence within ourselves

and within everybody else. It is all accomplished. That is the Christ Light, the Christ Principle.

10. This eliminates the theory that it is necessary to do any specific work on the glands, on body centers, upon the body itself, or to treat disease, as you state it. The physical will fall into line as soon as we realize that fundamental Unity. When this state is reached the glands and all bodily functions are stimulated until they become harmonious. Every atom of the body is stimulated and aroused to action in perfect co-ordination with the Spirit. It is the Spirit that quickens. You cannot raise the bodily action into accord with Spirit by the processes of mind for the Spirit is above the mind as the heavens are high above the earth.

11. The ten commandments are not the objectified law of God at all. In them Moses tried to lay down a law for mental and moral conduct, but there is no such conduct outside the law of the Spirit, and the consciousness of the activity of Spirit must be discerned as the only governing law. The statement, "As you stand one with Law, you *will not*" do these things, was the original intent, but has been translated "Thou shalt not." If you are within the law of harmony you will not produce discords, but to merely refrain from producing discords does not place you within the law of harmony. To refrain from discord merely involves doing nothing at all, and surely this

never would produce a musician, nor would it express harmony. The active doing of the law produces effects commensurate with the law. Life is active, dynamic and not static. It is DOING TRUTH, not merely refraining from that which is Not truth.

12. If you are in obedience to the Law itself you will automatically refrain from doing certain things which are not included in the natural operations of the law. You do not do these things if you follow the law, but in omitting these things you may not fulfill the law at all, but only obey your own notions. "Thou shalt not" was the Mosaic law as Moses gave it out. These were the emanations of the Sephiroth, or the Tree of Life. He veiled that fact and objectified it for the people, but gave the Priests the real meaning in the Talmud.

13. When God spoke to Moses in a "loud voice" as it is given, it was not intended to convey the fact that He spoke with much noise. God is a "sound voice," which brings light into expression. That was Moses' statement. A "Sound Voice," not a "voice of sound." There is an important difference. If we have a "sound voice" that voice is One, and will bring light into existence. It gives us that power. It may be out of noise completely, or what we would designate as soundless. And that is what we are coming to today, the Soundlessness of sound. Then it is beyond noise completely and you pay no attention to

noise because you are in Sound Voice or definite principle.

14. Soundness is wholeness, and when God spoke in a sound voice He spoke in the completeness of Himself. It is like we often say of a person, "He put his whole self into what he said." It is only when the entire nature is aroused and operative that the voice is sound or that we speak with soundness. We do not speak partially, or in any separateness, but in complete oneness. When God said to Moses, "I am that I am and beside me there is no other," He was speaking in a "sound voice," for He excluded nothing from His proclamation but moved as a complete Unit. This is particularly illuminating regarding the discarded psychological idea that the mind is a sectional or departmental thing made up of many operations. That is the hypnotism of unsoundness. The more differentiated, the more unsound becomes the mind. Study some of the people who are given to this departmental function of the mind, concentrating here and there and moving their minds about one section at a time. They are extremely unsound and are never safe within themselves, nor are they safe to follow for they lead only into confusion. It may be a good way to build up a large following for a group of people who are unsound mentally are easily influenced and easily herded into organizations, but this ultimately becomes the greatest bondage, particularly to the one who

thus deceives the people. Soundness is wholeness—Oneness. "I am God" spoken in the consciousness that you are one with the All and that the All is centered within you, and that you move with and are included in the operations of the whole is the only truly sound statement for it is complete. No structure is stable unless it becomes a unit, and no man is stable until he is a complete unit in and with the Principle.

15. We cannot stop in our progress with organizations and systems either orthodox or metaphysical, for they are sectional, sectarian, and teach a doctrine that is more or less involved with the idea of separations. They are only steps in the process of man's discovery of himself. We cannot stop at any point without becoming orthodox. That prevents further progress until we break away.

16. That is where so many people become mixed in affirmations and denials. Of course many modern thought organizations become mixed up in that very thing when they begin to deny. They fasten to themselves a condition which does not exist, and then when they feel this false influence of their own mental reaction they call it malicious-animal-magnetism. They begin to get into psychic influences again, being held there by their repetitions.

17. One is really not working properly when he

denies. Denial separates us from Spirit for we stop to consider something that we designate as "not spirit." In Spirit there is no separation, and consequently it is only man's separation through which he becomes involved in the psychic or phenomenal. Moses classified anything and everything in phenomena as a separation from Spirit. The orthodox churches evidently get into trouble because they allow a separation. They have built up a great image in the heavens, calling it God. There is a psychic determination there which they see, believing that this image talked to them instead of which it was their own voice talking to them through psychic influences. The voice of God speaks within man as Jesus taught. It is the Father within.

18. Christ's denial of limitation—Satan—was not a declaration of his non-existence, but a simple letting go of the idea which was entirely false. He did not reckon with it at all.

19. Moses in referring to the dividing of Heaven and Earth evidently meant that the earth was the outer. In the Sanskrit there is a word which defines the Earth as the outer condition. That condition is to be overcome, and that overcoming is in thought only. Moses meant to convey that Heaven and Earth should be complete and One always. He let go of Earth completely, and then the One attitude of Prin-

ciple stood forth. He knew fully that the form was a complete embodiment of Spirit as life.

20. That is what Job was trying to bring out when he said, "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." He even expressed that in the Upanishads. In everything bring forth the Christ Self and see reality in place of a differentiated physical body. The body is radiant and pure spiritual substance, and it will show forth this condition when the thought of its materiality is withdrawn and gives place to the truth that flesh in its true state is the radiant light of God through which and in which God is manifest in His spiritual perfection.

21. Flesh does not need to be spiritualized; it is already spirit in manifestation, just as water is oxygen and hydrogen in manifest form. The water is one in and with its source and is identical in nature with its source. To separate oxygen and hydrogen from water would be to disintegrate the water itself. "Your body is the temple of the living God" in exactly the same manner and when reunited with its source the body becomes pure and perfect as radiant light, the Light that was in the beginning and out of which all things were formed. That which makes the body appear to be something else is the clouded mentality that has imposed itself between the flesh and its true source. The body—Temple of the living

God—has become a den of thieves, robbing the body of its true sustaining principle.

22. In the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father which art in Heaven" was not intended to convey the idea that heaven was elsewhere. Jesus meant that the original Sanskrit intended to convey the everywhere present inner peace and harmony. That is Heaven in its true meaning. The Kingdom of Heaven is among you. There is an inner meaning in the Lord's Prayer which cannot be given out except privately and orally. If man understood this inner meaning he would be in the Kingdom of Heaven. This involves the complete surrender of what we have called the self and accepting the Self that is the only reality which is the spiritual Self, for there is no other Self. Those who have attained follow this path and enter into that which exalts the whole into Spirit. Such an one knows himself as God.

23. This is difficult for many to understand for they think of themselves only in terms of their conscious thought. All such thoughts must be discarded. The realization includes the conscious mind when the Christ mind has become the complete consciousness of the individual, for the conscious mind is then included in complete consciousness. All thoughts that we have embraced within our consciousness that are at variance with the Truth must be given up. That is what Christ meant when He said to "deny thyself."

Give up your own estimate of yourself and accept yourself as you are in complete relationship to the whole. It is forsaking all conditions which appear outwardly in favor of the architectural design back of it all. The Christ mind is the God mind always.

24. When any individual attains to true knowledge of God his works will be completed instantly. If he would stand completely one with God, it would be finished instantly. Jesus said, "It is finished," and from then on went right on to other accomplishments. If we ourselves recognize perfection we become that perfection Itself. We need no other recognition. It is all God if we wish to put it that way.

25. That was the only thing which the people two thousand years ago had against Christ. They thought it "blasphemy" that He should consider Himself as God, for their state of hypnosis could not fathom the mystery of His position, which is the true position of all men. But that was the only thing they had against Him. When we make that same statement before unilluminated people, those steeped in ignorance regarding the true state of all creation, they accuse us of blasphemy today just as they did Christ two thousand years ago. But why should we care? So long as we care what people think, just so long will we keep ourselves in subjection to the hypnotic spell of the earth. But one who is awakened never goes about making

such outward statements to the profane world. One meaning of I am God is "I am silent."

26. The attempt to make God a trinity came through the idea of differentiation of the One. The reduction of all elements to the One element, or emanating energy, leads to the three in one, or unity and directly to the true Trinity or Triad as one attribute of Being. This is the Holy Spirit, the Whole I, the Creative Spirit as complete action. The moment we project our thought to the Holy Ghost we are projecting our being to the complete Creative Spirit in action. It is the movement of the whole as a UNIT. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you you are conscious that all action within and without is but the complete action of the Principle in its entirety without the slightest sense of separation or deviation. It is ONE action.

27. There can be no actual sin against the Holy Ghost. In the original text we find nothing about the expiation of sin. Man alone commits what he himself calls sin and man alone forgives sin. The son of man on earth has power to forgive sin. There could be no sin against the Holy Ghost for it is impossible for man to divide the indivisible nor to actually separate the uni-action of the One. He only seems to do so. That is where the Divine Right of Kings comes from. If the King is in his Divine Right he can make no mistakes, and man, as the King, could make no mistakes.

This did not refer only to a certain king or family ruling over a nation, but man ruling over himself. When he rules over himself he becomes a King. Every man is a King when he knows himself as God and exercises his God Authority to completely subject every phase of himself to the One idea.

28. The interpretation of God speaking to individuals or groups of people as designating only that particular person or group is false. What God speaks to one man or one nation He speaks to all men and all nations, for He created of one blood all nations of men and He is no respecter of persons. But from this false interpretation man has built up the idea of a racial or national God. This has resulted in religious wars and built up separate groups into nations. The orthodox churches, according to Dr. Lyman Abbot, have done more toward the retrogression of civilizations than any other influence because of their hatreds. The first intention in the presentation of God was that you look immediately to the Light which emanates from your own being and from the being of every individual as being ONE and the same light, and that God equally manifests Himself to and through all beings in exactly the same sense without partiality or distinction. The moment you can project your vision to that light you are at once conscious completely, namely, in the Divine Consciousness, and there can be no separation there. With no sense of

separation there can be no separation in creed or race or nation, and hence no strife or war.

29. Referring to the incident mentioned in *The Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East* where Emil separated the Jackals that were fighting over the carcass of an animal, Emil said: "It is not the self that you see, but only the God-Self that does the work." He meant to convey that when you get away from the fear of the animal and project the God-Self there is peace and harmony, and they came together and ate their meal in perfect harmony instead of fighting.

30. This is the theory back of our experience in walking through fire. The Masters told us afterward that we had raised our vibration to such an extent that there was no conflict between us and the fire. There was perfect harmony and oneness. We clearly saw the fire raging all around us, but we felt no heat or discomfort. Our clothes were not even scorched. This experience has quite recently been duplicated in London by a young Hindoo Yogi under the severest scientific test conditions. Pictures of this incident were shown in America on one of the news reels and Edwin C. Hill, famous news commentator, wrote at some length upon the subject. Copies of this comment have been mailed to 100 teachers conducting classes on these lessons.

31. The life of the Masters is simply the God life. They always put it, "Life is Light." "The moment we express Light, life emanates." If you live the Life then you will Know, and that knowing is complete. It is not a life of asceticism or apartness. It is a Life, and Light in unity, in wholeness.

32. Anyone may break his seeming bondage to a condition that is not Godly by simply letting go of the bondage completely. That was our training from boyhood on. If a discordant condition came into our surroundings we let go of it completely. The Masters sometimes go for hundreds of days without eating. They are not bound in any way. But when they do not eat outwardly they do feed upon the Prana, or spiritual substance, that is all about them. They take in Pranic substance and it is assimilated for the direct and complete sustenance of the body. Plants feed upon Prana, and when man uses the vegetables for food he takes in Prana also. He can take it directly even more readily than the plants and vegetables do if he will.

33. It would not be the part of wisdom for the Western world to discard the Bible in favor of the Bhagavad Gita. Our Bible is of greater importance to the Western world for we do not understand the Bhagavad Gita. The latter is best, however, for the East. The West could with profit read the Bhagavad Gita, as it would obviate the necessity of wading

through the folklore and mistranslations of the Bible. The Bhagavad Gita has taken all that out. The Vedanta Philosophy in most instances is the best exposition of the teachings of the Masters. Many people get a more simplified thought and can assimilate these thoughts through the Vedas. Then they can go on to the Vedantic teachings.

34. The reason the Western world has difficulty in understanding spiritual things is that the Western consciousness has always been an evasion of Principle for the reason that they did not know what Principle meant. They even misled themselves, largely by the acceptance of their philosophers' teaching that Principle is an unknown quantity. The Master Mind knows what Principle is, but so can we accept Principle and know what it means. We must accept the Goal toward which we are working or we do not work at all.

35. You cannot go into India with a spirit of egotism, selfishness and design and get anything out of India any more than you can in these states get anything from these lessons, from the Bible, or any other source of Truth. There is nothing in Truth compatible with these attitudes. You get out of India whatever you take to India. It is not a matter of going into India at all. It is an ever present state if you can receive it.

36. It is not a matter of going to India, studying the Bible, or the Bhagavad Gita. It is letting go of all these confusions that infest the mind, and the upset conditions resulting therefrom. Then one may get a great spiritual uplift from the Bible or any other source. We are beginning to see that we take from the Bible what we take to the Bible. The very determination to get the very meaning out of the book will open its secrets to us to some extent. If we read the Bhagavad Gita or any other book we must take the same attitude toward it. There is, of course, nothing in the Bible that is not interpreted in the Bhagavad Gita, the Mahabharata and the Vedas. That is where all the knowledge that is contained in the Bible came from.

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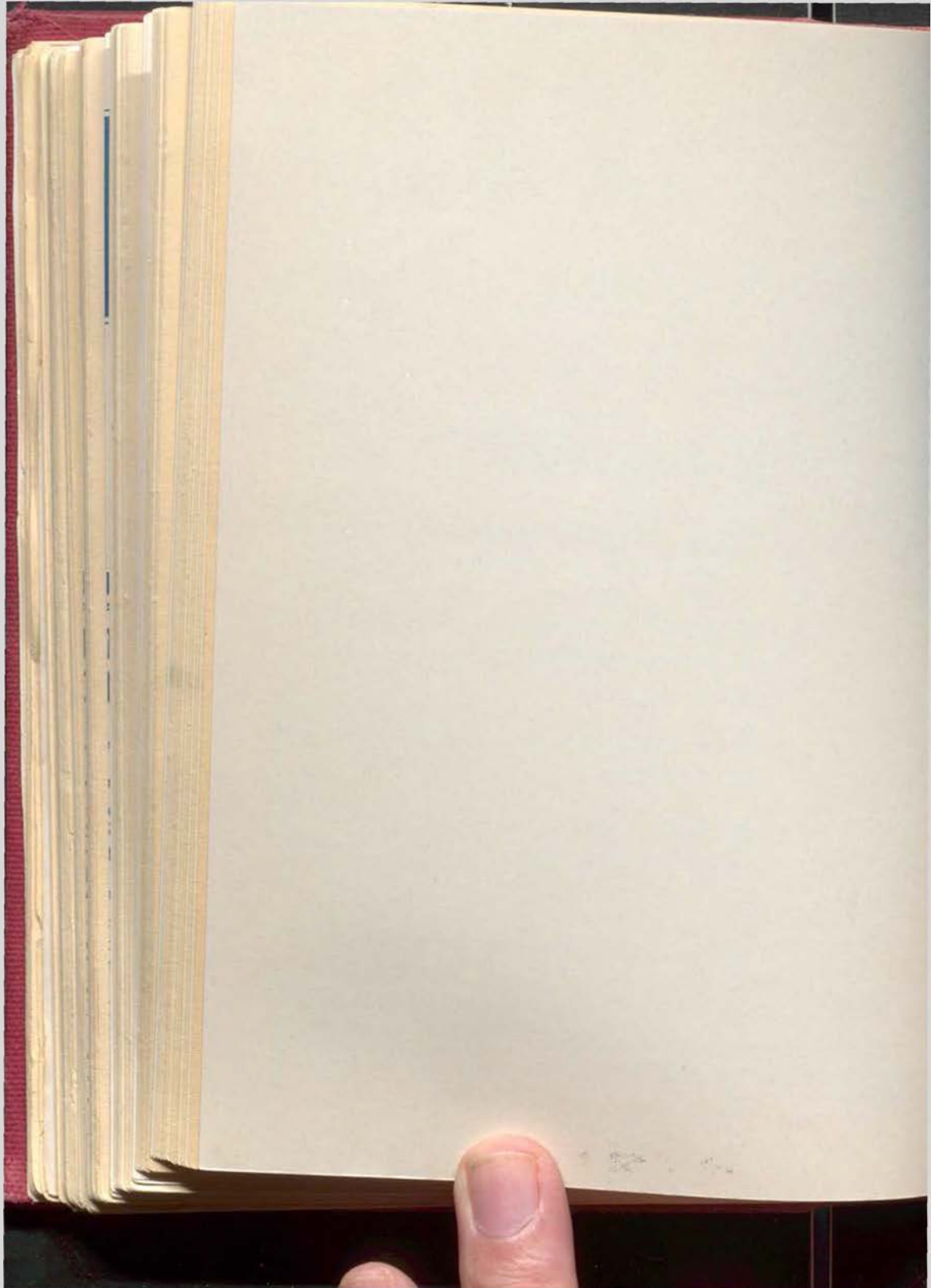
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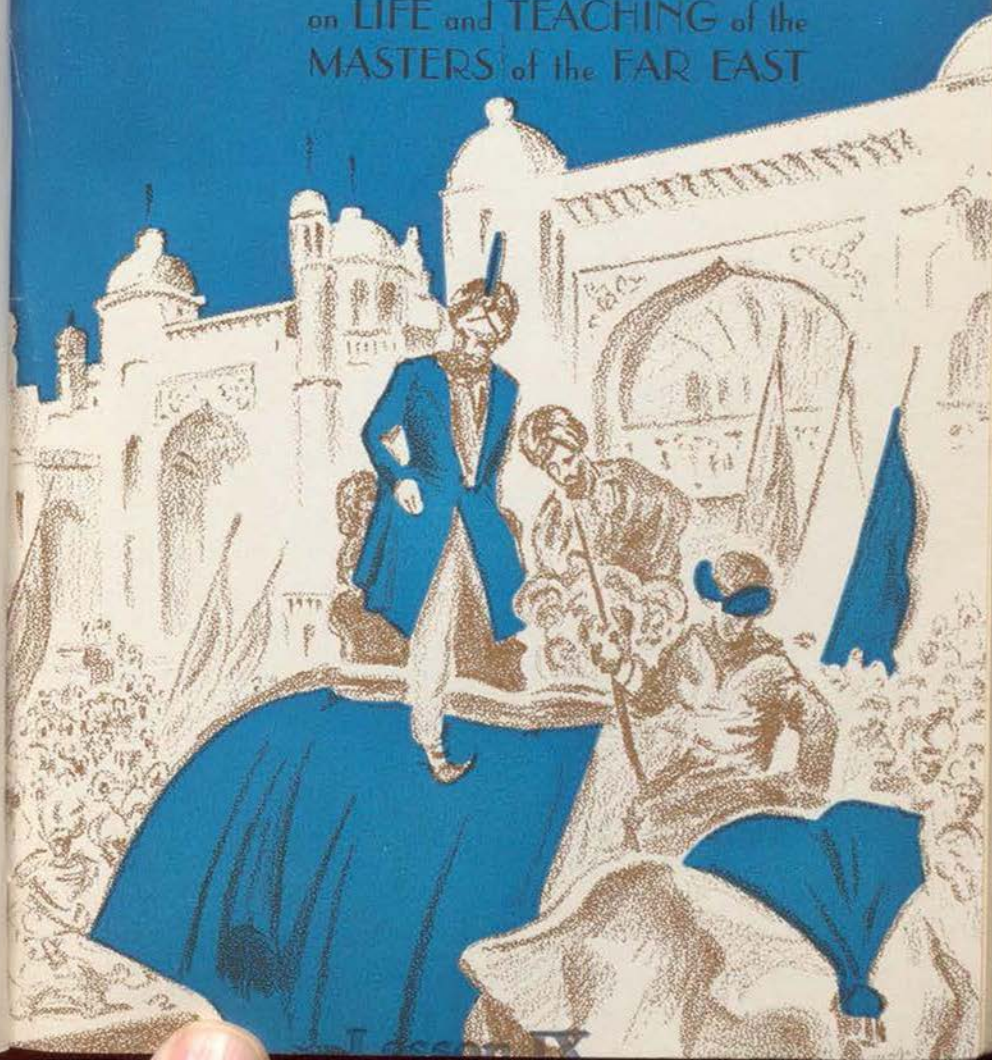
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LESSON IX.

MAN

1. As in the preceding lesson it was impossible to study the nature of God without including man, so in this lesson it will be impossible to consider man without a further study of God. The one presupposes the other and they are inseparable. It is impossible to have a king without a kingdom, and it is impossible to have a kingdom without a king. It is inconceivable to imagine a creator without his creation, and certainly there could be no creation without a creator. They are but the two aspects of a single thing, and without the one there could not be the other. Man is therefore an indispensable part of the Universal whole.

2. The Master's thought of man is that he is in his true estate, always active, and is that through which Principle works or comes into manifestation. As they

often put it: "Man projecting God; Man becoming God; the very Ideal of all Perfection; God selective but completely universal." Selection evidently came about through man's thought entirely. The Master's thought is always that man must make the selection, but in that he can never carry that selection out of the Whole or out of complete Principle or Spirit. And that means, of course, that man never does get away from his true Being or true origin. Not the selection of Kings to rule over groups, but that man is a King. Every man is his own determining factor and that factor is always absolutely one with Principle, never separated and never dependent upon anything but Principle.

3. Man as man can never be a completely independent organism for he is inseparably united with the whole. How could he remove himself out of infinity? He only imagines his isolation and that imagination is the sole source of his limitation. It is purely imaginary. The extent of his free will, or right of selection, cannot be carried beyond his imagination, for in fact he is always united in and with his source. He only needs to rid himself of his vain imaginings and accept the inevitable, and he is at once in his rightful place with the Universal system. He is king only in the sense that he has the privilege of carrying out the laws of the Kingdom, and any king who disregards the laws of his kingdom does not remain king

for long. Kingship is subject to the laws of the kingdom just as are the subjects, and they are all units in a single system with the law superseding at all times. Only through the binding influences of the law does the kingdom remain an harmonious unit.

4. Man is triune, but that trinity is never separated; it is always one. You understand all the attributes of man if you understand Man. The Greeks knew this and expressed it in their statement: "Man, know thyself." It is very evident that we have not begun to know ourselves, our importance, our Divinity, Divinity meaning, of course, that Man is a part of the whole, and as such does know all and IS the All in manifestation.

5. There can be no triangle unless the three lines which form its sides are joined together in unity. Unless they are joined there are only three lines, and not a trinity at all. The trinity is dependent upon unity, and their unity is the trinity. Man's business is not to dissect himself until he understands his trinity which would only be diversity. Man is progressing back to his Father's house and his progress in this direction is to discover himself as a unit, the undifferentiated position which he occupies in the Universal scheme.

6. It is always possible for man to improve his consciousness to the point where he becomes God-like.

That was the first thought in the Divine Right of Kings. It was not for the king to put himself up as the only Divine Ruler. All mankind should be Divine Rulers and rule as Kings, but always with that expression of Love which is Service. Man stands One with his own Divinity, and he is then of Service always. He never exalts himself above another. If he is an egotist he destroys himself. He cannot be an egotist for long. Man's kingship arises from his sense of oneness with the whole, and ego arises from the sense that he is a separate ego within and of himself, therefore ego is the greatest violation of the natural law of his being and produces the most disastrous results.

7. The translation of the Bible is in error where it says that man was created in the image of God. The "in" should be left out so that it reads, "Man IS the image of God." The word "in" does not appear in the original. And right here we find illustrated the major trouble with the orthodox conception. They all try to make God in the image of man, and in taking this attitude they have created something that man cannot understand. Man can understand himself, and if he thinks of God as another personality like himself only in larger proportions he can never understand the true relationship that exists between himself and his source. But if he understands that he is the universal individualized, or that he is as an

individual what God is universally, he has something which he can comprehend. If we leave the "in" out, then man is the image of God. "I am God" is the great statement. It belongs to man wholly. The image or likeness means the *exactness* in the old Sanskrit. The name and nature of cause and effect are always interchangeable for the one is essentially the counterpart of the other. The activity of cause is the life and form of the effect.

8. Some people quite naturally ask that if this be true why did Jesus always say that "I am the son of God," but never "I am God." But this is only one of His statements. He said, "I and my Father are one." Then the translators failing to understand the next sentence: "You are God as you present God, therefore I present God to you," left that completely out. Yet he said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father—God."

9. It should be remembered also that the name "I am God" was the unspeakable name to the Ancients. The theory was that it is never to be made as an audible statement. Its utterances were in the silence of their own souls and the only way it was ever to be voiced was in the natural radiation of authority, perfection and power that emanated from this inner secret acknowledgment. "The Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" is the thought. It is the

Silent name of the Silent being of God, the inner and universal fact of all creation. In a previous talk we noted that another meaning to the statement, "I am God," is "I am Silent." The "I am God" is the silent witness within the nature of man to a Universal fact. It is the name hidden within the name Jesus Christ, and the secret name of every man that hath breath, and that name Is the Breath.

10. It was considered blasphemous to make this audible statement and the people of Christ's time construed His statements as inferring that the unutterable NAME as applied to Himself. They condemned Him by their own inference regarding His statements. But He was true to the law of the mystics, and though many of His statements inferred the fact, He did not utter it. "Thou hast said," "I am," "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," all infer this same fact, but whatever He may have said in His heart, He is never credited with voicing the fact outwardly that "I am God." The theory is that man IS the word himself, and his own presence in the Universe is the spoken evidence and needs no further utterance. In the beginning was the Word—the word became flesh, and when man appears in creation he IS that word unspeakable in sounds or syllables for he is the completed word as he stands. If I AM anything, the living embodiment of it, it is self-apparent and needs no further projection. Everything spoken

from this consciousness is the authority of the Universe speaking with all power in heaven and in earth.

11. This was included in his statement that "before Abraham was, I am," for man, as the formed aspect of God universal, always was and always will be God in evidence. He referred right back to the old Sanskrit law of Abraham: A-Brahm—light—a God. Then came David the Light-bearer, and one who bore the Light to all mankind, and Mary, the Preceptor of Creative Principle. You can bring it all down to the Ah Brahm, which means a Christ Child, the Union of all forces to present the Christ Ideal—man is God—to the world.

12. There should be no distinction made between Universal Man and individual man. No more can such a distinction be made than you can make a distinction between the circumference and the center of a sphere. That is where most of the trouble has arisen. You cannot divide man. Man is One, One with God. "I and my Father are one," was Jesus' true statement and He carried it still further when He said: "When you pray, pray to the Christ of God; include yourself as the Christ."

13. The Masters do not talk of God and man. They are always one in their consideration. There is no separation whatever. There is no priest and a separate congregation. It is the congregation and the priest—all one.

14. Huxley and Darwin and their kind brought forth much evidence regarding mortal man, and tried to establish his human or animal origin, hoping thereby to overthrow the creation theory. The Master's attitude is that of the Divinity of man; that he is of Divine origin, never separated from his Divinity in any way. Darwin and Huxley and the others built up their evidence so that there was no Head whatever, and that is the reason for their failure. They failed completely to carry it through to Principle. The very last statement of Darwin was: "Beyond this which we have built up still remains Principle, which is a mystery to us." There is no effect without a cause, and it is impossible to understand the effect without consideration of the cause.

15. That is why Emil says, "You can do these things just as easily as I do them," with true childlike simplicity. That was the reason for Jesus' great accomplishments, leaving out all egotism. "These and greater things shall ye do."

16. Man as a separate identity can do nothing. "I of myself can do nothing" said Jesus. In his isolated sense he is like a street car with the trolley off the wire. He has lost contact with all motivating power which is in the great underlying cause of all manifestation. The activity which is cause is the motivating power not only which produced, but of the effect

itself, and the only way man can keep going is to keep contact with that which projected him in the first place. "It is the Father within me he doeth the works." Cause must always be the motivating force within the effect, for the effect could not propel itself.

17. On this trip to date we have seen many races very different in appearance and custom from each other. The Masters see it all in the light of one consciousness. If we think of them as differing phases of consciousness we are apt to establish for ourselves a separation from that One. The only difference is in the outer for all are motivated by the same inner ideal, which is the Christ, or the I AM God of each one. We must evaluate all men from this point if we would escape the differences that appear outwardly. When this inner becomes the without then there can be no outward difference, hence no strife, no greed and no war. There are many seeds and bulbs but when each has fulfilled itself in outward form it is all one harmonious Nature.

18. It is from this point of view that the Masters look upon reincarnation. They say it is not necessary. It is a human hypothesis only. They say that if there is a light placed in the center of the room the best way to reach that light is to go straight to it. Why circle around it time after time? If you go directly to that light and pick it up and incorporate

Jesus said you could not compromise with sin, you cannot deviate from the fact and express that fact.

22. When Jesus considered the suggestion that He turn the stones into bread He realized that the stones were already in existence and in manifestation and He did not need to change the stones into bread as He could stretch forth His hand and the bread was there. "What ought to be IS," is the teaching of the Masters. If He needed bread, He did not need to concern Himself with the stones. He knew that if there was a need for bread it was already in existence, and all He needed to do was to give thanks for it.

23. It would be impossible for man to need anything if it were not already in existence. Could you need air if there were no such thing in existence? The need indicates the fact and all one needs to do is to let go the sense of need and accept the fact implied in the need that it is already in existence. That which ought to be IS. This is true of what we refer to as the limitation of the physical body. This is an hypnotic influence of the mind wholly. It has no basis in fact at all. Man brought the sense of material into existence and not the body. The "mortal" body is the hypnotic body and when man wakes from this state of hypnosis all this experience will be to him just a nightmare. He wakes to dream no more. If he feels the need of a radiant spiritual body, void of

limitation and expressing the glorious Light Body that is his perpetual dream, this is the foreshadowing in his consciousness of his fully awakened state. The thought, the need, the desire is the evidence of the fact that such a state already exists for him, and his only achievement is in accepting its existence. This IDEAL state IS the true estate of man.

24. This body does not need to be spiritualized. It is already spiritual, but man's false beliefs about it have shut his mind to its radiance and limitlessness. Spirit is always Spirit. Man creates the materiality. There is but one body and that body is Spiritual. It is the Temple of the Living God, and God is in this Temple; let all the earth rejoice before God. If we call the body material, we are denying God and profaning the Temple. If you call the body or any true condition material, you are denying God. You are worshiping a material condition more than you are worshiping God. That is how you get into hypnosis. The moment that you deny God you are in a hypnotic influence, and the moment you see the body as material you are in a hypnotic influence wherein you deny God.

25. The body is an instrument through which to express God. It is the greatest known instrument to express Spirit. It is brought here definitely for you to present God every moment. Not to present mate-

riality, or hypnosis, or psychism; not to present phenomena, but to present Spirit. We are God. We cannot make a separation, and if we refuse completely all separation we would be out of all material conditions and all psychic phenomena. This is how man comes to know and understand the One Presence and One Power. It is all One, One Power, One reality. And everything works and operates under that One Power and One Presence according to its own law. It is not adulterated with any other notion, but moves as Itself in its own complete field.

26. You cannot make any differentiation between the individual soul and the Universal Soul, or the Over-Soul. That is, you cannot draw apart. As Jesus said: "That is putting asunder God's Principle." There is a generalization under which every human being works, but that is an assembly of Universal Units. There is individual identity, but you are one in an assembly of Universal units. So is every human being. All are one and the same, operating under the same harmonious conditions. Always in harmony. Not differentiation from harmony, but assembling in harmony.

27. A God-man is a genius, Christ standing forth, man expressing God without reserve or restraint. The reason children are often found to express what we call unusual genius is only that they have not yet

been hypnotized with the idea of limitation possessed by those about them. If they continue to escape this hypnotic spell they remain geniuses, or the Divine Self, throughout the earth experience. They do not experience the earth, they experience their universality and the Christ-Self always.

28. To be the Master, the Self, is our great work always. The Masters of the East never say anything less than that America contains 120,000,000 Masters. That means that everyone is a Master. That is, of course, true of the whole world. It is world-wide to them. Every individual IS a Master. Even man's limitation is proof to them of his mastership, for only a Master could make himself to appear that which he is not.

29. The greatest presentation of Principle is what the world commonly calls the appearance of an Avatar or Savior. The acclamation "Behold the King" means that man lives closely to Principle, not that a great personage is coming, but that one who lives closely to Principle. Others acclaim him the Avatar or genius. He is but one man standing forth in the character that is potentially the Kingship of every man. He only had the courage and conviction to take himself for what he IS. "The King can do no wrong," for the moment any wrongdoing enters in, the moment a man accepts himself as less than the

King, less than his Divinity, he has thereby become less than his own Kingship. The King is the Master, the Genius, expressing himself in his true nature, and therein is his Kingship. He rules himself, for he is his own Kingdom. The Kingdom of heaven is within. This Kingship which he is is also his message to all men. Not that he is King, but that every man is a King within his own kingdom, a master over himself and his own environment, for he lives in reality; he lives as he is and in a realm of things as they really are. This is the Path which He shows to others, or the life He lives becomes the path of life for all mankind.

30. His appearance or reappearance upon the earth is not dependent upon any condition of spiritual unfoldment for He is that Thing in its fullness. He steps right through all unfoldment and lives one with Spirit always. The idea of unfoldment belongs to man and his own theories. The Master has only accepted the state in which he was created from the beginning, the Image and likeness to God, the embodied nature of Infinity or Divinity.

31. These illumined souls or Masters or Avatars do not write books because of the utter simplicity of their teachings. There is nothing to be said or written about "I am," for it is complete within itself. The life they live is its own revelation, it is the book

of life revealed opened as a scroll and needs no testimony but itself. When you reach the top there are no steps leading there. The steps are but the teachings that lead there, and when you reach the top you pull the stairs up with you. Therefore there is no teaching to give. There is but the fact of life, the Truth of life revealed as itself, as it always has been and always will be. Steps as man would teach and write about are but degrees to which he lets go of falsity. He had better let it all go at once, for to "think yourself there is to be there," as the Masters say.

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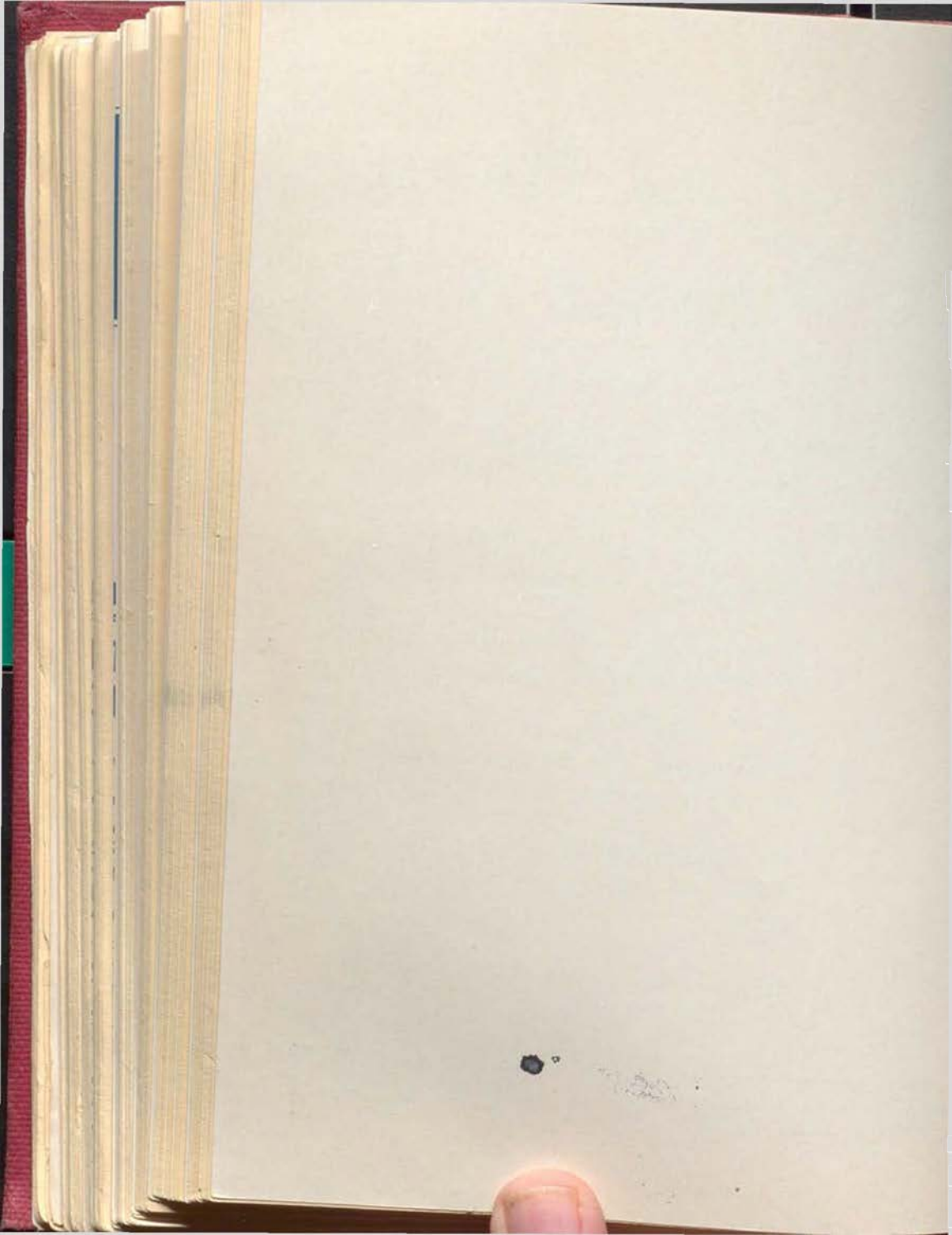
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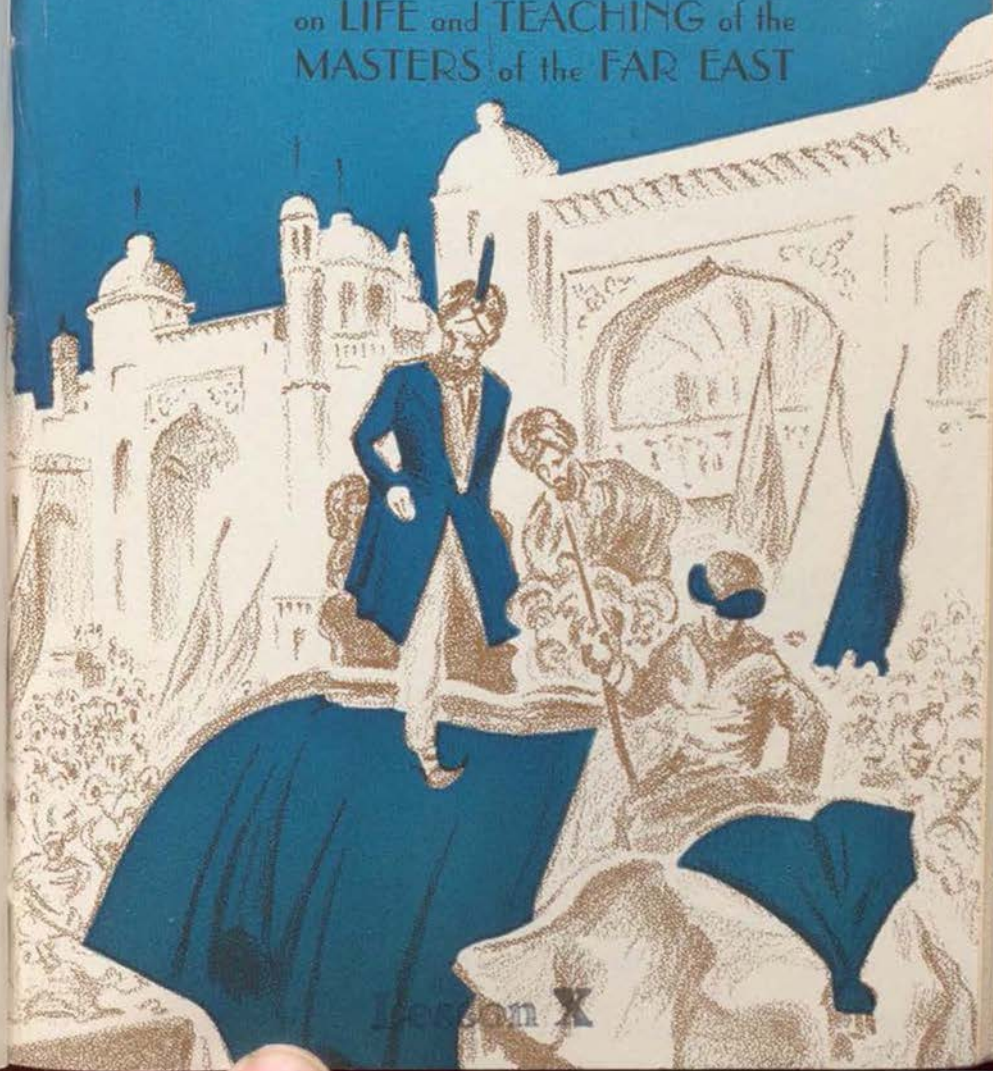
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LIFE

1. The "life of the Masters" is Life the way they live it. They live life as it is. Their attitude toward life is that it is the action of the One Principle, never divided or separated from its source. They live life true to that Principle, and thus they show the way for all to live true to that principle of Life. To them life is not a theory of existence, it is an actual fact, a fact with no beginning and no ending. The individual must come to this one attitude of living which comes through the one attitude of thought toward it. They say that it is God expressing through the human individual, the highest and most select through which life manifests. Thus life can manifest in a more select activity or complete form through the human individual.

2. They see the One Life emanating in and through all things. In fact, everything that has being is of the

very essence of this one life. The human being only postulates life as beginning when this form came into existence through which life could manifest, when in reality it existed prior to the form and even produced the form. That was only the beginning of form, and not the beginning of life. Life has always existed, and it will always exist. If we select life, or measure it in some specific manner, we may manifest it in that select form. It, of itself, flows freely and universally without cessation or limitation. Consequently, we may select and use that life force, as we would say, in a degenerate way where we do not allow it to manifest in its greatest degree or potency. The human being can use it in that way, but it is only the fault of the individual or the group and is not in any way the fault of life itself. Life, if we will allow it to be so, is the all-knowing, all-seeing and all-being activity of Principle. If we allow it to flow through us in its highest attributes we cannot help but live by expressing these very conditions which are in its nature.

3. When we accept life as it is, the body becomes a living, breathing unit, expressing life to its fullest degree. The reason that it does not express to its fullest degree is because of the limitation which the human unit puts upon life. We turn it in many ways whereas, in reality there is but one way and that is life in its fullest expression.

4. The Hindoo thought of the three score and ten

years as man's allotted time is that this should be the time of man's greatest accomplishment. At seventy man should reach his majority or his greatest realization of life. Then they say that man should live five times as long as it takes him to reach his majority. The Western world has completely missed this meaning.

(5) Man should not be limited even to that space of time. They do not limit man at all. If you accomplish three score years and ten, you should accomplish all life, and all conditions of life. That is not putting a limitation upon it. Five times is not a limit because you can make it five thousand times if you wish. Man does, usually, after he has reached seventy, begin to think more along Spiritual lines. This tendency begins to develop after forty.

6. When Jesus said "In the midst of life ye are in death" he was not warning the people that they are always face to face with death. He expressed astonishment at the condition of death among men when they lived in the midst of life continually. Man only needs to live life as it is, accept it as it is, and not measure it by years and material standards. You are eternal life right here and now if you would only recognize it. But life is not something that is to come; it is here at this very moment in which you live. People separate themselves from the life which IS by trying to live in the past or the future. But the past is dead and the future is only born in the eternal now. All the life of

Infinite Space moves at this very moment, and whosoever will may drink of that life freely. You do not even need to try to live eternally for if you are alive at all you are in eternal life, and all you need to do is to so live it. Forget the past, do not try to project yourself into the future, for NOW is the only acceptable time. You are in eternity NOW.

(7) It is held as a theory that the masters often receive their enlightenment in the springtime of their thirty-seventh year. But there is no limitation except that put on it by the individual. Thirty-seven in the Sanskrit means Eternity because you can repeat the thirty-seven or the seven as many times as you wish since it completes the octave. It is three and to the whole number of completion. It does not necessarily refer to years at all, but to the extension of the individual consciousness into the Life Universal, or into its true spiritual expression.

8. Instead of the awakening which comes to man being a matter of years, it simply means that he becomes mature in himself and many of the ideas given him by the race are nullified in this maturity of soul. False ideas are crowded out of consciousness as the swelling bud pushes back the leaves that enfold it, and then the inner character stands forth. It is not intended as a second childhood when the old man becomes childish, but he becomes the child capable of entering the Kingdom. He loses the sense of im-

portance in respect to the material world and its many problems, and begins to live in the realization of life as it is unfolding in him.

9. Our scientists are telling us that there is not a human body in existence over seven years old. That is, the cells are completely renewed every seven years. That is not putting a limitation on life, because life moves in cycles and not years, and you cannot limit a cycle. It has no real beginning and it does not come to an end. It is the eternal process of fulfilling itself, and the eternal renewing process going on within the instrument through which it expresses. Life does not end at seven, nor does life ever end. Life is eternal. There is not a thing in existence that does not have life. All planets are alive. Everything has life. The rock has life.

10. When we express life in its true and unlimited natural expression we can and will be our own books and teachers. Also, if you can appreciate the fact that all of the cells of the body are renewed every seven years, you will begin to realize the possibilities of life. If you will keep your mind continually renewed as the processes of life unfold, you will begin to see that life might just as well go on cycle after cycle, or continuously. The buds on a tree are just as young whether that tree be old or young. And the bud has the completed tree within itself. That tree does not grow old except through the limitation of years that

man puts upon it. Nothing grows old except through the concept that man places upon it. The Scriptures teach that he was given dominion over all things. Life can not be measured by years, and we should cease to attempt it. Life can be measured only by itself, and life is eternal, ever-present and limitless. It is the vital action of the entire system called the Universe, or God. Man places the limitation on time by delineating time for his own convenience, and that delineation does not restrict life or time by any means, except so far as his manifest possibilities are concerned.

11. This is, in all probability, the only plane and the only condition where death is recognized. Christ said: "Let the dead bury their dead." The true man places no limitation on time. The mortal man alone does this. We get into the mortal or physical only by the placement of time, or the designation of time for man's convenience. We have gone on and built up a great world of supposition, a great barrier of supposition between ourselves and the true condition. We have been led to see that barrier as insurmountable. Consequently, many of our philosophers have said that life is unknowable and could not be solved. Of course it cannot be solved when you put up barriers against it.

12. The life of the masters is not passed in what the world would call gainful occupations. They have passed that. Their life is of Service always, many of

them going about from place to place assisting in what we would look upon as material ways, with material things. We have never seen them accepting anything from anyone for themselves. We have seen them give out food and clothing and supplies of all descriptions. A Master is a servant. If he is a Master, he is above the world and the world can give him nothing. He must reverse the process and he in turn gives to the world.

13. In this service they do not seem to seek out people, nor do people necessarily seek them out. The Masters come across those in need in their everyday life as they go about among the people. They also assist in a universal attitude as well through thought and the projection of thought. They also project conditions of perfection into the whole world. Of course, where an individual does appeal to them for help there is always the assistance ready. We have seen them not only assisting the individual but great groups of individuals. But even while they are going on with that work they are evidently sending out emanations to the whole world which in time would cure the condition they are working on locally. They say it is necessary to work locally to assist people to a better understanding, and in many cases a better understanding comes through the furnishing of food and clothing or a better condition in which to live.

14. The Masters do go out among the people, and

the people do appeal to them for help very often, and the condition which they are under is corrected almost immediately. The help given was only to show a better way to accomplish than that which they were using at the time. They do not go out and preach and proselyte at all. They walk among the people and the people who recognize them may ask for assistance in any way they wish—for healing, food, raiment, or shelter and they receive it. But they are shown that they, themselves, do it and not the Masters. It is not what the Masters have that they receive, but the people themselves have built up that which is brought to them through their own attitude of thought; not what some one else has, but what they have and what belongs to them. It does not necessarily follow, however, that you must appeal in order to get assistance.

15. The statement that the servant is worthy of his hire does not mean that one may commercialize healing. That means that the individual who thus serves is worthy of a higher life, worthy to become a Master and not a servant. Of course the Master is the greatest servant, for his entire life is spent in service, for that is the field in which he works and expresses his mastership.

16. In the matter of food, the Masters consume far less than we do. We have known them to eat no more than three grains of rice a day, but they take in enough pranic substance to support their bodies

for long periods if necessary. They masticate their food thoroughly. They can chew these three grains of rice all day, and by the time they have finished they have taken enough prana to last their bodies at least twenty-four hours. They have no set time for eating for they do not work with time as men measure it. They eat whenever they feel like it. We have never known them to recognize meal hours as we recognize them. They can go without food completely for hundreds of days.

17. As far as we know they take very little sleep, not in excess of two hours a day, and they are conscious during these two hours. It is a well known fact that you can get along without sleep, if you know how to live without wasting your energies, or contracting your consciousness through separating yourself from the Universal energies. The Western world and the way they live causes sleep to become more or less of a condition brought about by, as we say it, a toxic state of the body. The toxic condition overcomes to a great extent the rebuilding process of the body, and thousands of people are in that toxic state instead of being in a true condition of sleep. When Jesus said "Awake thou that sleepest" he meant to arise from that comatose condition and then you are out of the influence to which you have become subject.

18. The Western world consumes at least ten times as much food as the body needs, and then they con-

sume energy to digest that food. That energy which is used to handle this nine-tenths of the surplus food that we take unnecessarily could be used much more effectively to build up the body. It is a well known fact that today the Western world eats at least ten times as much food as is healthful. If we would take life direct, or energy direct from the ethers, we would be adding energy to our bodies all of the time instead of giving it out to assimilate food. It would go directly to every organ of the body and rebuild and renew it.

19. It is not necessary that one be with a Master or contact a Master in any sense to understand life and its possibilities. Life is perfectly understandable at every corner of the earth. It is Omnipresent and anyone may contact it if he will turn his attention in that direction and get away from the mere forms which life uses and through which life expresses.

20. If you will take the simple attitude that all the life that you can live is LIFE and begin to exalt life, you will then be doing what you would do if you were living with them. There is nothing phenomenal regarding their life at all. Usually people going to them look only for phenomena. If we live life, we cannot help but understand life. Life is a process of inward force working itself out into outward form. It is the vital principle of the Universe animating all space and all form.

21. So many people have the notion that the Masters lay down certain rules for your daily practice, a certain daily regime of mental and physical exercises, but this is not so. There are many who lead out with this sort of teaching, of course, to the point where the student recognizes that he himself is a Master. Then the way is opened to meet the actual Master. The moment that man gets into his mind that there is any life to live other than the One life he is out of harmony completely. The difficulty is with his mental application always. Man did not fall and die spiritually, he simply got himself out of harmony with life and this resulted in all his difficulty. The moment life becomes hard, it is not life. That individual is out of life just to the degree that any inharmony develops and this state should be a warning for him to get back into life as it is.

[22.] Children are happy because they live life abundantly. They put no limitations upon life whatever. The moment we put limitation upon life we cease to live abundantly. There is not a limiting condition in life. Life could not limit itself. It could not be kept away except through your own attitude of thought toward it. No two individuals have the same vision of life. It is quite often illustrated in this way: It is said that only children and sages are happy because the child has not developed a material sense of value and the sage knows that the material has no

value. To them form is not the point of consideration but living life.

23. One man may look at life through a very narrow opening in a wall. That person says "I see all of life." The view may face a hill where there is nothing but rocks. The next may see trees; the next one sees animated forms moving about. If we look through but one opening we would soon hypnotize ourselves into believing that there is no other life within the great expanse of the Universe of life. If we would take that attitude alone, see the Universe as embodying and expressing the One Infinite life, we would expand our vision to take in all of life and there would be no limitation whatever for us.

24. The Masters never take conscious life. It is not necessary to take conscious life because man can assimilate into his consciousness all of the life elements, bring them into existence in himself, live them, and be always one with them. Consequently it is not necessary to take conscious life at all.

25. Many people ask the question why it is that the people of India are afraid of the lower forms of life. Not all people in India are masters, even though they have been taught that there is but one life. They do not see all they have been taught any more than Americans see or live all they have been taught.

There are only a few of the lower classes who are

bound in this way because they have been taught to worship these conditions. It is thus that they fear them.

26. And why do the Masters not raise the people out of that condition? How could they raise you out of a condition if you would not accept that raising? They cannot inject their own minds into you. They can only show you the path which they have traveled. If you will not see that path you must make your own until you are ready for a better way. All of the higher castes, even the great Maharajas, work for the better condition in India, but they cannot do the overcoming for the masses, nor transform them into higher beings. That is the work of the individual always.

27. It is a misconception to think that the Masters live an ascetic life. We have never found them so living. You will find them in a loin cloth or in the highest walks of life! You will not find them isolating themselves at all. There are a few, a very few compared to the whole, living in seclusion in order to give out more fully to the whole world, certain conditions for betterment. But they are only groups who come together for that specific purpose. They do not live an ascetic life at all.

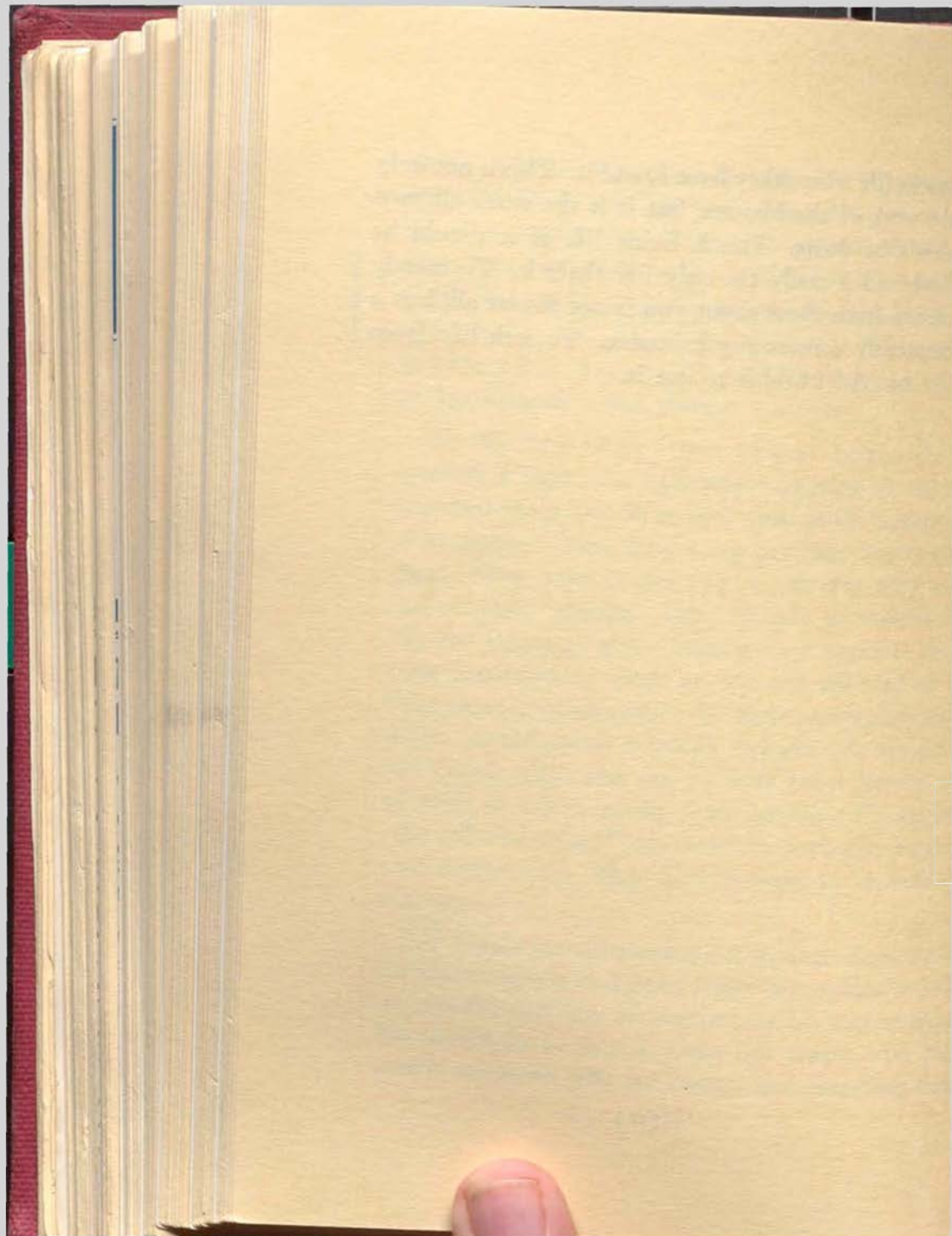
28. You may see a Yogi living an ascetic life for a certain time for a certain purpose only, but then they never allow asceticism to become hypnotic. Yogi

means living for a great experiment. Many of the so-called "holy men" of India live a complete ascetic life, but usually they are beggars and not Masters. A great many of them are as dirty and as filthy as anything you can imagine. They are leeches on humanity and nothing else. But they are not the Masters. Just because a man goes about saying mantrams, or sitting in Samadhi, he is not thereby a Master.

29. We have never known of one of these who has reached a high accomplishment begging of anyone, but they are giving all of their time to the betterment of humanity. They do not beg anything to give away even. They have, as they put it, all that they want and to spare always. They do not go around and beg for others to give. They do not organize charitable institutions. They go out and assist all of the time, separating themselves by their accomplishments. There are thousands of people in India who are giving out continually, and yet we have never known any of them to take a penny from anyone. The beggars who call themselves "holy men" are such only by their own designation. They have nothing to do with the Masters.

30. Life is always a matter of giving. To draw on the Universal life that flows freely throughout infinite space is the privilege of anyone, and his way of living life should be to receive from this source, and then give it out to all who are around him, inspiring them

to seek life where they have found it. This is not only the work of the Masters, but it is the work all men should be doing. This is living life as it should be lived, and is really the only life there is. To merely receive from those about you is not life at all, but a constantly contracting existence. To seek life from the material world is to lose it.



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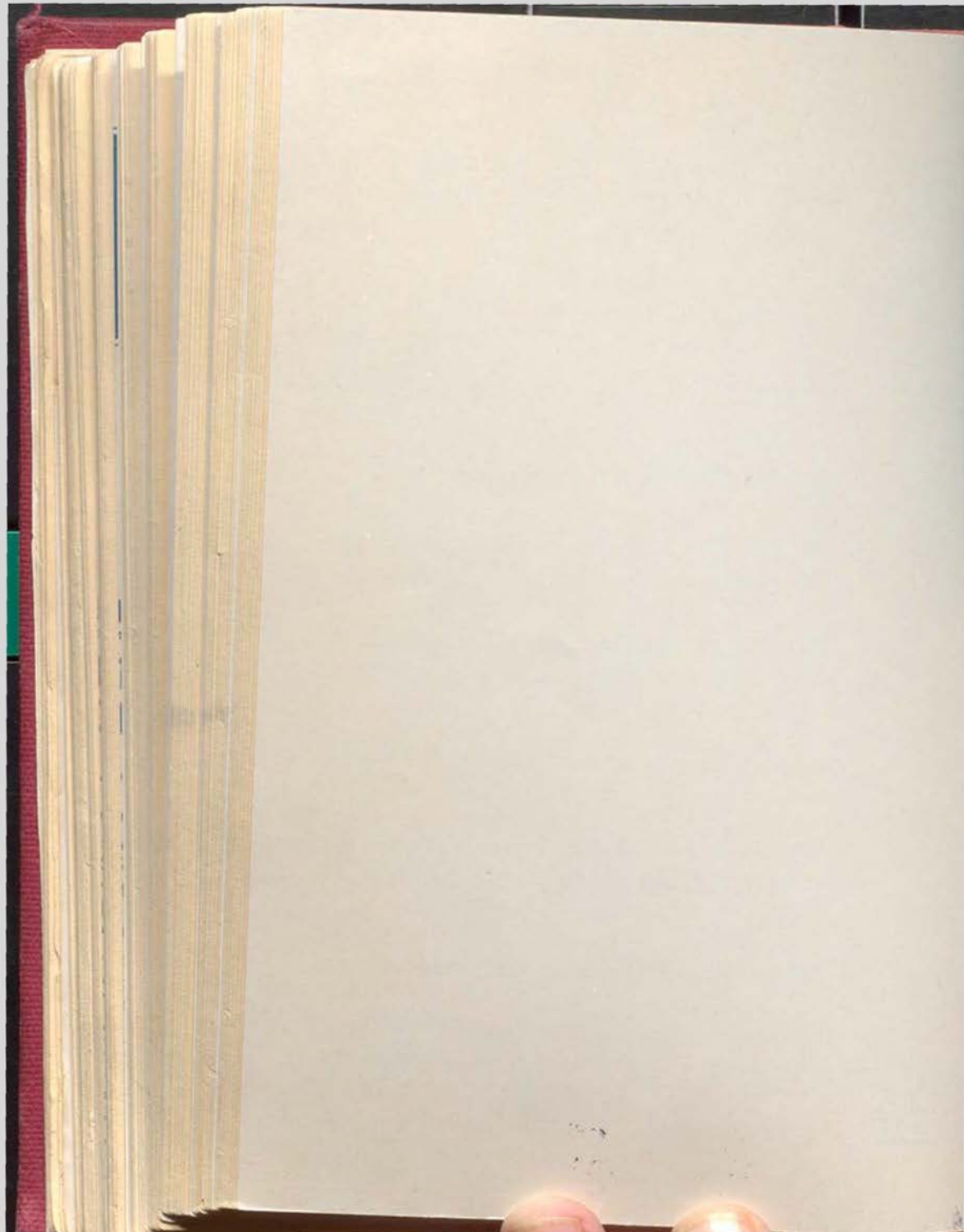
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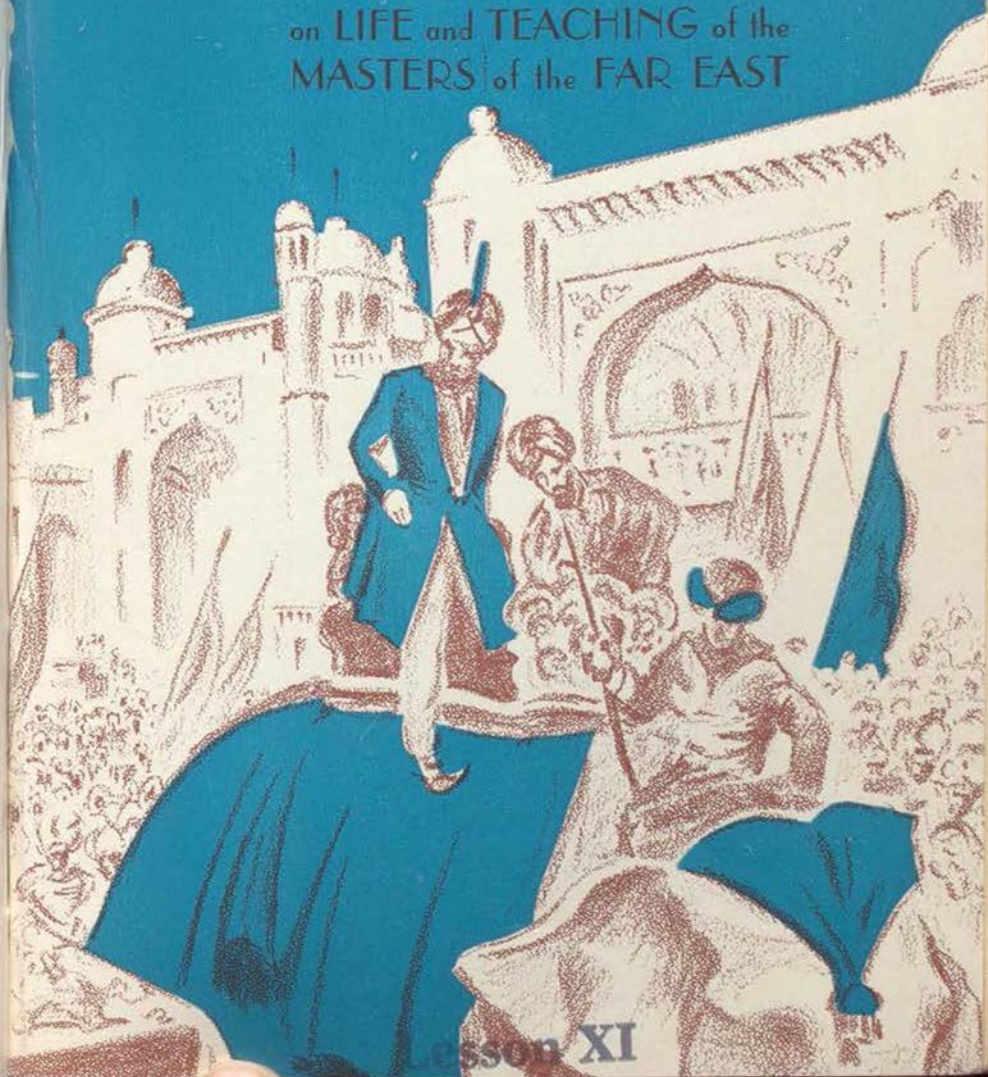
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LESSON XI. THE UNIVERSE

1. The Universe is the sum total of all things visible and invisible that fill infinite space. The Universe is the great whole and composed of all its parts. It might be said that the Universe is another name for God, for He identified himself as "I am that I am and beside me there is no other." It is the sum of all life, all substance, all intelligence, all power. In it is contained all knowledge, for it is Omniscient. It is the sum of all power for it is Omnipotence. It is the sum of all substance for out of it are all visible things formed. It is all Love for it is bound together in a single system and operates as a single unit. Love is the integrity principle, or the binding principle which maintains the universe as a unit and keeps all its operations moving in perfect harmony and regularity.

2. The Masters think of the Universe as the univer-

sality of all things with every condition and circumstance a portion of that Universe or universality. A person may become separate, or he may separate himself in thought, from that Universe. Then he becomes a unit which in thought only is separate or apart. But instead of being apart he is still a part of the Great Universe. One may become so separated in thought from that Great Universality that he surrounds himself with apartness or the sense of limitation. He may withdraw so far from that Universality in thought that he falls or descends in his capacities, and thus he is in a measure separated from that Universality in which he really belongs.

3. Of course it is impossible to separate oneself or completely exclude oneself from that Universality, for that would be to reduce himself completely to a state of non-existence. But, when he returns to that Universality of Principle in consciousness, he is one with it and is lifted up into a higher state of capability. That is illustrated in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He wandered in many lands and spent his substance, but there was a welcome in the Father's house upon his return. Even the brother who had stayed at home was jealous of the reception. But the Father knew that the reception was always there. It is an allegorical picture of how one can extensively separate himself from Universality by thought and recognize that he is feeding on the husks and yet when

he decides to return to the Father's house there is everything there for him. In fact, the Father was not even conscious of the separation. It did not matter how far away the son had wandered.

4. All sense of apartness, isolation, limitation are only fictitious, for it is impossible for separation to be an actual fact. If it were possible the Universe could not be a whole. David illustrated this fact in his realization that it was impossible to get out of the Universal System when he said: "Whither shall I flee from thy Spirit," and whether he went to the uttermost bounds of the earth, ascended into heaven or made his bed in hell, that same Universal relationship awaited him. You cannot divide the indivisible.

⑤ It is the same when death occurs. Many feel that there is a separation there, but in reality there is no such thing. We can be just as close to those that we feel have departed as we were in what we think of as this life. It is only the separation in our conscious thought. In what we call the Unconscious or Super-conscious there is no separation whatever. If we would let go of that thought of separation there would be no evidence of separation for it exists only in consciousness. It might be more truly stated that separation exists only in unconsciousness when one is unconscious of the true state of being.

6. Separation is only an appearance for in reality there could be no such thing. If the Universe is a

single Unit and all things within it are eternally united into a single system, how and where could any separation exist? In fact, it could be only an imagined state. Ignorance of the facts is the only kind of separation that can exist, and illumination would completely eliminate that. Behold our God is One, say the Scriptures, and if God is the great ONE, all things and all people are included within him, and being included within him they are one in and with him.

7. Our being is a complete Universe in itself, and it acts in perfect harmony if we let go of every thought of inharmony or separation. The thought of harmony returns us to the unity of Principle. We can think ourselves so far out of harmony that sickness and disease and discordant conditions come about, but they are only that which is out of harmony. If we would keep in complete Universal harmony in thought there could be no inharmonious condition come into our lives . . . not one . . . because whenever we vibrate in harmonious relation with the Universal Principle no inharmony can manifest. It is perfectly possible for it to be so.

8. We make it possible ourselves for inharmony to manifest by the reduction of the vibration of our bodies and in no other way. We allow what should be the impossible to take place. When we look upon complete accord as an impossibility, we worship discord instead of worshiping harmony. That was the

very teaching that Jesus gave out when He said that you of yourself are always harmonious. He referred directly to that harmony of Principle which in reality we always manifest and which we could not help but manifest if we would let go of that personal, egotistical desire for direct service from our neighbor instead of giving Service always. Our expectancy should be from above, and our attitude toward the world as giving.

⑨. One of the easiest ways to isolate ourselves from harmony is to demand service from another instead of giving of our service all of the time. It does not matter if we direct it to one individual or a million individuals. When demanding service from others we are always in that separation, but when in service to all we are completely immersed in universality. When we give of ourselves we come nearer and nearer to that Universality where we belong.

⑩. It takes no energy from our bodies to give out Service, Love and Harmony, but it does take energy from our bodies to give out inharmony or discordant conditions, or to give out negative thoughts or words where positive words or words of accord add energy to our bodies every instant that we are giving them out. Not only that, but we create an influence that returns and surrounds us with emanating energy.

⑪. One does not need instructions from a Master, nor does he need to learn from a book what is true to

the processes of the Universal life in him. One knows when he violates the law of life just as easily as one knows when the principles of music have been violated. Instantly a discord is recognized by anyone, whether he has studied music or not. The moment any discord or unpleasantness arises in the nature of man, that instant he should know that he is violating the law of his being. It is not only a violation of the law of his being, but it produces inharmonious results in his body. All discordant emotional and mental states are sins against man's true nature. Everything that produces an harmonious effect in man's nature, that which gives him a sense of peace, freedom, power and harmony, is in direct harmony with life, and only harmonious results prevail.

[12.] Man is exactly the same as a test tube in a chemical laboratory. If we add harmonious solutions we get harmonious results. Otherwise we set up an inharmonious condition wherein we get either inharmonious results or no results at all. We might see great turbulence in a test tube, but that is not inharmony if the correct chemicals are placed in that test tube. It is the same in our bodies. We never set up inharmony if we induce or give out only harmonious thoughts and feelings. It is absolutely impossible for us to set up inharmony if we give out harmony, because we surround ourselves with an influence that is completely harmonious. And if it is all harmony, no

inharmony can manifest through that influence. It is all controlled through consciousness and we become perfectly conscious of harmony, far more so than we can become conscious of inharmony, because harmony is our natural state. That is done by refusing to project our vision to inharmony.

13. If people think that they cannot properly discriminate in the matter of consciousness, they can give out Love to the best of their ability and refuse to give out anything else but Love. That will bring us accurately to harmonious conclusions. Jesus placed Love before everything else. There is a little book written by Henry Drummond entitled *Love, the Greatest Thing in the World*, which gives the complete key to the harmonious solution of every condition that comes up. It is the simplest little book ever written and has a wide circulation. It takes only about ten minutes to read it but it takes a lifetime to live it. In the living of it there is perfect harmony and perfect freedom.

14. If one should take a negative stand and deny the Spiritual, that does not change the spiritual at all. It could not change Spirit for Spirit is eternally unchangeable, but your wrong ideas would slow up your own progress. We should not concern ourselves with what the other person does, or what we think he should do, because we cannot tell when his actions or creations will bring him into direct harmony again.

Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." He thus gave him the privilege of incorporating the Christ consciousness. He saw everyone as the Christ. That very statement: "I see the Christ in every face, in every form," is indicative of his attitude.

15. Do not let the world tell you what it is like for it cannot do so. It is not what it appears to be. It appears to be limited but it is not for it is formed out of the Universe and Science tells us that each cell is a replica of the Universe. You must learn to find out what the world is like by knowing what the Universe is like, and then you will be able to tell the world what it is. Only in this manner can you be free for you are expressing only what your own consciousness is. Look through the surface until you see the inner reality and you will find that "Nothing in this world is single, All things by a law Divine with one another's being mingle," and there is perfect harmony and perfect freedom for yourself and for the world.

16. "When the first man was born, your Christ was born," is the true Christ message. "Before Abraham was I am," "The glory which I had with thee in the beginning before the world was." Add love to all statements and they move in harmony with the Christ as He taught. We can so surround one with Love that that very influence floods in upon him, and it may in an instant change his whole life, his whole thought. We are not dominating him when we sur-

round him with Love, for that is his native environment. We are only placing an influence that he may accept, thus changing the whole course of his life, and we may also change the whole course of our own lives and thoughts. We are but seeing him as he really is, seeing him as God sees him. This does not hinder or influence him, but it frees him from hindrance and influence, because we are surrounding him with that influence in which he was created, that state in which all men live in reality.

(17) It is far better to love your enemies and pray for them who persecute you because you merely exalt yourself and at the same time help to free them from those characteristics which cause them to act as your enemies. You are doing a double service both to yourself and to them. The gift is to the giver and comes back most to him. Then, too, sometimes our so-called enemies bring our thoughts out into the clear light of day more so than our friends do.

18. Should you have a supposed friend that does you a great wrong, a harm, the consciousness of perfect love can absolutely change the whole aspect of the situation. That is man's privilege, not his duty. And a privilege is the greatest motive for all of our service. It is a real privilege to love your enemies and exalt them because you are thereby exalting yourself. It is the greatest exaltation in the world to exalt your

enemy and see him standing higher even than you stand.

19. This practice is the greatest sincerity, for to be sincere is to be without blemish. It is to be whole. The moment that you cut that individual out of your consciousness you have allowed that individual greater privileges than you have allowed yourself. You must exalt him, and then you have finished with the matter. If you loose him and let him go before the exaltation, it is not finished, for you still have your own consciousness to mend. It is like this: you never knew that man before he came into your consciousness. Now you are perfectly conscious of him because there was some situation with which you or he needed assistance. The moment you have gained that which was needed and have finished with that person through exaltation, you can loose him and let him go back just as he was before he came into your life. Then when your duty is finished, and the exaltation is complete, you are both free. Both can go your separate ways the same as you did before. Unless this is done the blemish is still in your own consciousness.

20. You see all imperfection exists in consciousness only. There is to you no imperfection in those whom you have not contacted. The moment you recognize any imperfect state through contact with anyone that imperfection is thereby brought into consciousness. Before perfect harmony in your nature

can be reestablished that state must be erased and love is the only attitude that will erase it, for love is the Universal Solvent; it restores everything to its native state in the Universal Scheme. Only in this way are you free, and only thus can you free the other person.

21. It is impossible to "loose them and let them go" without the element of love. Pity, either for the other person or for yourself, is not the way of release. Pity always binds you closer to the imperfection. You can pity yourself to the extent that you will tie yourself up with them faster and faster. You can also pity them until you do exactly the same thing. Pity reduces everything to the low estate of the condition involved, while love exalts the same elements into their rightful place in the Universal. Love is the highest thought you can have. Jesus exalted himself and everyone around him through love. Love is the very essence of the Universe, and in perfect love all things are united into the Universal Whole.

22. To the individual the universe may be large or small, just as his consciousness dictates. It may be a single atom, it may be a complete body, or it may be the one entire Universality of God completely Universal. When we say universal, if we do not limit our thought to any separate division, we are speaking truly. The thought then is all-embracing just as light surrounds and fills all space. There is a very good saying regarding that in the Mahabharata: "When I see

Light, I see all universality." That is because Light is the vehicle that carries Universality into complete existence. The moment we exalt a word it becomes light. The Universe is unlimited. There is no limitation outside of the human concept. The animal never limits itself. It is only man that limits himself.

23. The theory of the expanding Universe is not accurate except in that it expands in our thought, or rather we expand our conception of the Universe. We are always discovering that it is larger than we imagined. The Universe is constantly expanding and contracting according to your own concept, but not within itself, for the Universe is the sum of Infinity. Many people think of the Universe as referring to a single solar system, but a solar system is only one cell or atom in a Universe of innumerable solar systems.

24. There is one law governing the Universe for the Universe is One. We need not obey a single law that is less than the One Law. There is but One Law and that is the only thing that we need to obey. A human being does not need to obey even the manifestation of law which is gravitation. You need not obey even the conscious manifestation of law; you need obey only the law that controls these manifestations. The moment you become unconscious of the manifestation of law you are perfectly conscious of the Law that is All, the Allness or the Universality of Principle. Every manifestation of law then obeys us.

We are in complete authority, complete dominion over every manifestation of law.

25. The thought that there are lesser laws such as the law of matter brought the idea of materiality or mortality into effect. It was not Adam, it was the man who followed Adam. Matter is but one attitude of consciousness, the same as thought is but one attitude of consciousness. In other words, matter is only a fixed mental habit. Thought and matter are in reality only avenues of expression and neither should be limited in the considerations of men. Adam, of course, did express consciousness, but not the mortal consciousness, or mortality of consciousness. That was attached to his name long after the advent of Adam.

26. To the Master there is no material universe. The visible Universe to him is the manifestation of Spirit and is therefore spiritual in essence and governed by the law of Spirit. It is this knowledge which gives him power and therein is the secret of all individual power. To know the law of Spirit, and to live in harmony with that law is always power of unlimited degree. And that law of the Spirit is the law of Love. It is love that governs infinite space and all forms that are projected in space. That is why the Scriptures say that if you are in love you are in God and God is in you. Love is harmony and therefore keeps all things in harmony not only with itself but with each other. When man is in a consciousness of

love, or a consciousness of perfect unity with all things, he is in a state of perfect harmony with all things and with all people. Love is, as it might be said, co-hesion, or a binding force that keeps all things in relationship to their source. Working in harmony with their source they work in harmony with all projections of that same source. But love will dissolve that which is not in harmony with the Universal order for it demands of everything its complete adherence to the principle of its own nature which is Spirit. For that reason love destroys hate, greed, selfishness and self seeking and the ego that comes from those states of consciousness.

27. Man is a replica of the complete Universe, and he is a complete Universe within himself when he includes himself in that Whole. If he would let go of every thought of creed and dogma, he would be completely out of superstition. He would be completely unlimited. The moment that we unlimit ourselves it can be shown through photographic evidence today that light emanates from every cell of our body. Light in the same way emanates from every cell of the Universe. The source of this Light and energy which invigorates and fills the expanse of the Universe, and the Universe of our body, is the Great Central Sun. Cosmic means great, it is the whole of which man is a part.

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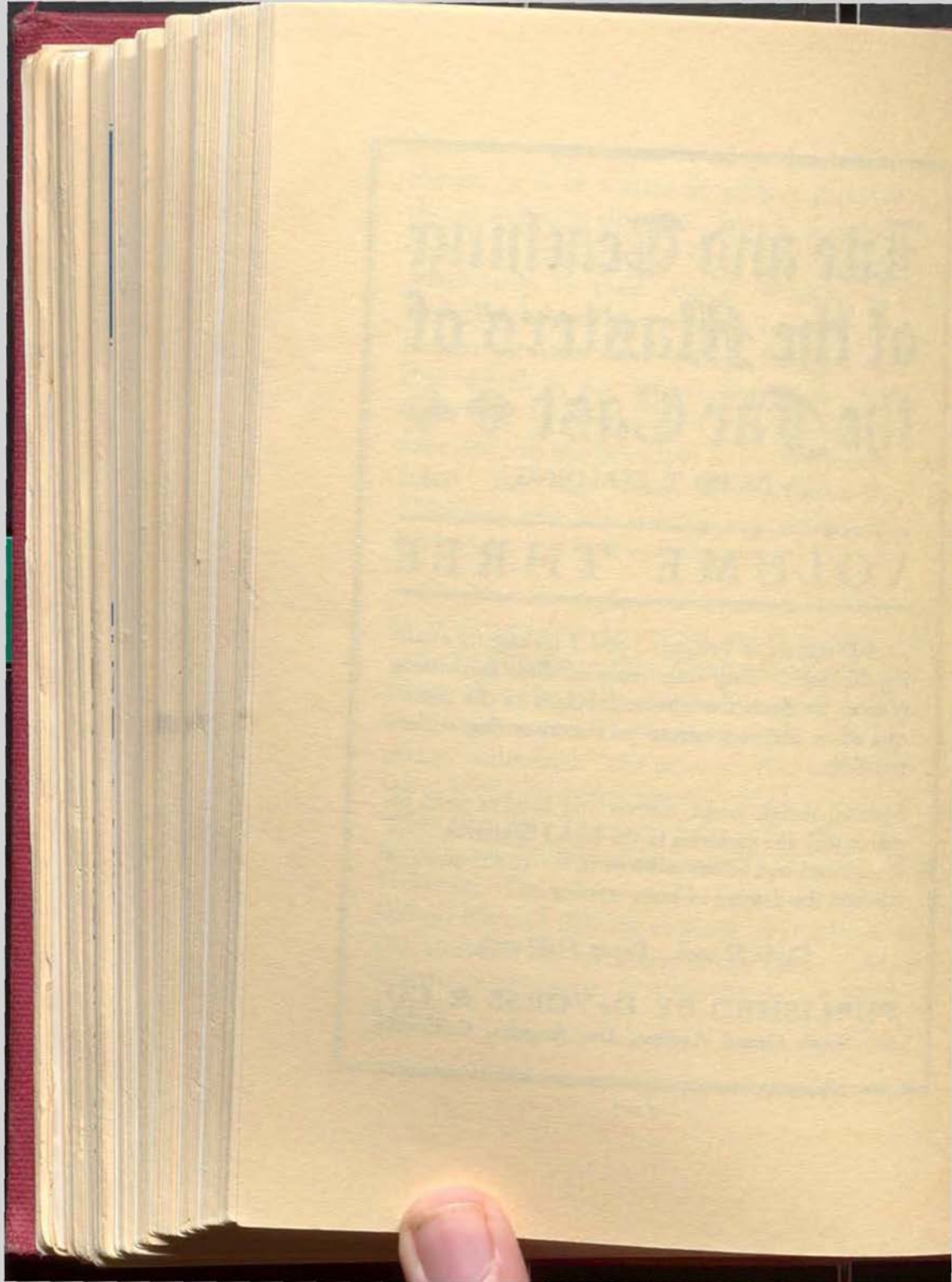
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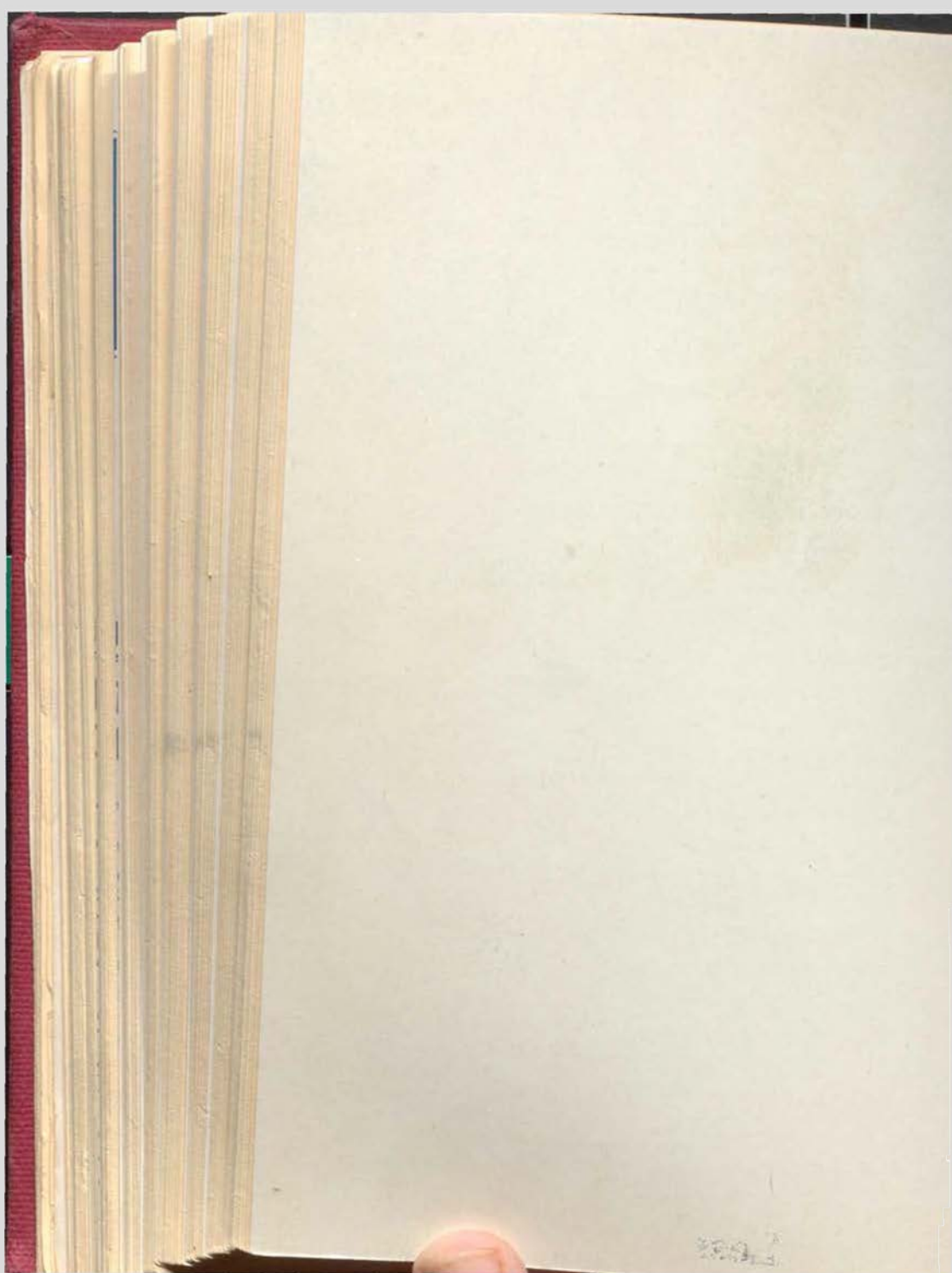
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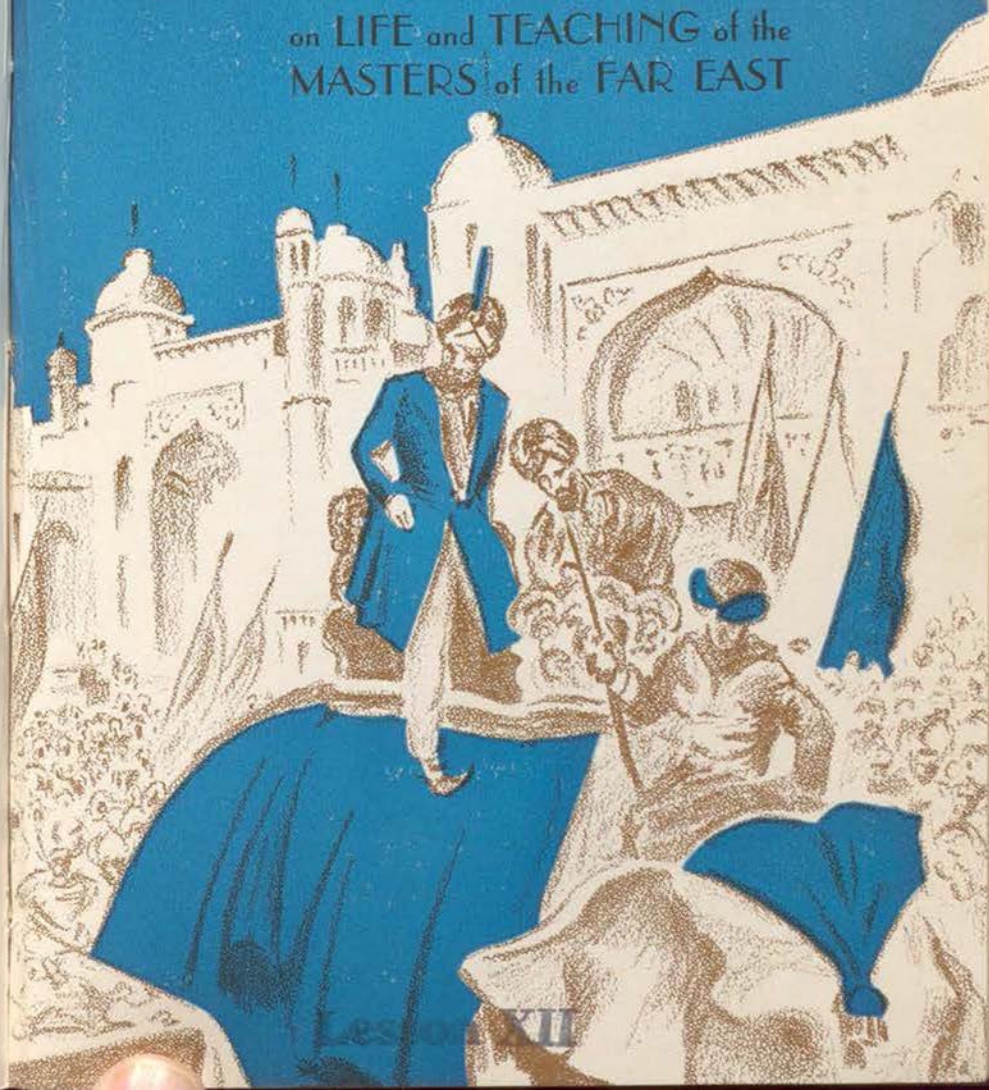
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(Note: Because of the interest and helpful suggestions which the following letter from Mrs. Grace G. Hahn will hold for the students we are making it a part of the lesson at this time. Mrs. Hahn is a member of the tour party in India with Mr. Spalding.)

"I will try to recount some of the experiences since writing you last.

"Mr. M. M. Ghose, a friend of Mr. Spalding's, invited us to be his guests on a river boat trip to Dacca, the Ashram of Swami Paramananda. It would be very difficult to describe the jungle through which we passed. At places the river was so narrow that it was impossible for two boats to pass. Then again the river was one-half mile in width. All was going well as we proceeded on our journey. On the evening of the third day at eight-fifteen p. m. most of us were asleep in our bunks when we felt a terrific impact and heard loud screaming close by. We soon realized we had collided with another steamer. Suffice it to say that

confusion and terror reigned for some little time and we were informed that the barge of the other steamer sank in a few moments. We were damaged but no lives were lost. It was impractical to proceed so we anchored for the night. The lights were gone and the boats were leaking badly. The small son of our Host calmly entered the circle of excitement on deck and said: 'God has saved us all Baba (father), now can I go to bed'? There was a hush for a few moments; then we all realized the lesson which this blessed Hindu boy had given us. We quietly went to our beds with the assurance that all was well. Here was a potential Master, quieting a whole boat load of people by his calm assurance and simple childlike faith.

"The next morning we proceeded slowly to the next town and took the train back to Calcutta. We are meeting some very wonderful Hindu men. A Mr. Sircar presented his book to Mr. Spalding and may I quote a single paragraph from the book which appealed to me. 'Complete Truth and life in its finest flowering cannot be enjoyed unless all the forces, natural and spiritual, can be controlled and applied to the unfolding of life in its increasing fineness.' We have spent many, many hours with him and feel greatly enriched thereby.

"A story told us at the Calcutta University one afternoon is well worth mentioning for the lesson it carries. The incident occurred 600 B.C. Even in those

days there were disagreements in the teachings, so part of the adherents separated from the main group and tried to persuade the teacher to change his viewpoint. After a period of time the leader of the withdrawing faction saw that it was useless and decided to take the law into his own hands. He laid in ambush and when the teacher passed him he drew his sword. As the wounded teacher fell he called the assailant to him and asked him to sit by his side for a moment as he wished with his last gasping breath to speak to him. Very kindly and lovingly he told him to go straight ahead and then no one would know what had happened and thus many people be saved from avenging his death because in reality he was going on to a greater realization, but that if he returned the way he came he would cause many others to suffer for his deed. He alone would suffer for the crime which was his. The great Master gave this lesson to the man who thought he could harm him.

"We left Calcutta last Monday and arrived at the Ashram of Swami Omkar. Such a wonderful restful place in the country thirty miles from the railroad. After a couple of days of rest, each one of us was called individually to interview the Swami. As I sat listening to him talk in his quiet calm voice I saw the light glow all around him and back of him. I was spellbound for a few moments and was afraid it would disappear, but it remained as long as I did. The

room was aglow just as Mr. Spalding has told us many times. It was my first actual experience and one that I shall always cherish and remember.

"Last evening I was again privileged to spend two hours with the Swami. He explained in detail the meaning of masters, or mastership. Masters become masters of themselves first. Mastery over anger, jealousy, greed, egotism, possessions—the wife possessing the husband and the husband possessing the wife—selfishness and a thousand other things which we have taken upon ourselves.

"We came thousands of miles to see a master, one who has accomplished that which we could and must do in our own homes and environment. Just like the cow that wants the grass on the other side of the fence even though there is abundance all around. Swami gives one word as the foundation upon which we start upon the path and that is PRACTICE. Practice daily that which you already know. Practice mastery over anger. Practice the mastery of love toward everything in the Universe. A very large order I grant you, but by eternal practice hourly and daily we will soon see the results and thus be ready for another lesson in the school of life. These silent men know the value of the law of mastery over the self and thus they do not mingle with those that have not yet learned to be silent for at least some part of each day. How can we ever hope to contact them in our

western chaotic state of mind? Argument shuts the door. An open mind and intuition alone throw the portals wide open. This much I have so far learned in India. I thought I knew it before, but when you come into the presence of one of these Holy men, you very soon realize it was theoretical only. It requires the actual practice and the soul's sincere desire to master the self and really become that which *they* have become.

"There is a wonderful Hindu boy here twelve years of age. He is a little master in the making. He anticipates every want or desire before we are able to express it. The eyes are the windows of the soul, therefore one must see the radiance of that youngster's smile as he silently stands before you wanting to serve you. He stood at my door last night and seemed reluctant to depart. Not yet accustomed to the Hindu custom I waited for him to make his wants known and as he advanced toward me with that wonderful smile, he looked me straight in the eye and said, 'I love you so.' Then he turned and was gone like a flash. During the meditation class he sits immovable for an hour in the silence. Some of the older ones go to sleep, but not this child.

"We spent one happy week with the Swami, then wended our way southward to Madras. Mr. Spalding went ahead to Tiruvannamali and met Paul Burton, the author of 'The Secret Search of India.' Mr.

Spalding wired us to come and after a night's journey we were met by Mr. Spalding and Mr. Burnton. We were taken to the ashram of one of the greatest living saints in India: Sri Ramana Maharishi. A great many people sit on the floor cross-legged for many hours just to be in the presence of this great man. He is one of the Holy men who gives his time to the students. He never speaks unless a question is asked and before the answer is given he remains silent until the answer comes from within. This contact alone is worth the whole trip.

"From Tiruvannamali we went to Pondicherry. A great man lives here but only appears in public three times a year. The next time will be on the twenty-fourth of February. The ashram is one to be long remembered. Many, many men students are living there and one is greatly attracted to them. Their faces radiate the life they live and there is absolutely no doubt about it. From here we learned that a Mela, or pilgrimage, would take place in Allahabad on the thirteenth of January. We went to Calcutta and then on to Allahabad. Never will I forget the sight which we saw at this Mela. Pilgrims from all over India, coming to bathe in the sacred waters of the Ganges, were there. The confluence of these two rivers, Ganges and Jumna, meet here. The water is icy cold, yet they plunge in. They have come long distances under terrible hardships to join in this religious rite. A million

people with but one thought, namely to bathe in the Ganges on this particular day. There were so many incongruous 'get ups.' Some naked, others bordering on savagery, some on elephants and camels, others in ox carts, all headed for the Ganges. I was greatly impressed by the religious zeal evidenced beyond question of doubt. What was it that would impel a million people to come to the Ganges. It was beyond my comprehension and the question seemed to revolve in my mind over and over, 'What am I seeking for in this place?' After I returned to the hotel the answer seemed to come, and it was this: 'You are seeking the Primal cause of brotherhood.' How can you be one with all mankind if you see only the exterior, if you think they are psychopathic patients; if you say that black is black and white is white? Do you not observe the same love throbbing in the heart of the mother as she fondles her babe whose tiny body is filthy, diseased and crippled, wallowing in the dirt, poverty stricken, homeless and actually starving, walking miles under tremendous hardships merely to bathe in the 'sacred' waters of the Ganges? What but the inborn spark of Divinity could possibly urge them on to lay it all at the feet of their conception of God? We worship God in luxury; they have nothing. Their feet are weary and footsore, their energy is their all, yet they give it to come once a year and every six, twelve and twenty-four years to meet on common

ground and bathe and worship in their way. Just think of it. A million people on a small area of ground, peaceable, happy, singing and joyous. No sign of confusion or interference, each one regarding the rights of his brother to worship as he pleases.

"To me the real brotherhood is expressed here under inconceivable conditions, thousands of conditions which we never thought could exist and yet from the hearts of these pilgrims love is expressed and the eyes reveal an unfathomable depths which we might well envy. All worshipping God, God, God. Many different languages, the rich and the poor, the halt, the lame and the blind. A smile will always bring forth a smile. In fact they seemed surprised that we will deign to smile or greet them in their own fashion. I sincerely wonder if we would smile under the same environment. Could we, or would be, on hands and knees crawl to the Ganges, worshipping God with every breath, scarcely able to keep soul and body together? Could we, I ask you, could we?

"We saw Saddus with matted hair, their bodies covered with ashes, naked with the exception of a G-string, and I asked the question, 'why should anyone treat the body in such a fashion?' The answer was that they have relinquished pride and are no longer concerned with the world. That is their conception of it and after all is said and done, we all act and think

as our conscience dictates, and as our individual evolution has progressed.

"We take pride in 'dolling up' the body as they go to the other extreme and spend their entire lives in caves and in the Himalayan mountains in the contemplation of God. They must first realize these attributes in themselves before they can go into the world and teach their inner experiences to others. We have many isms, creeds and dogmas very often theoretical and intellectual only. Thousands of these pilgrims coming in from all over India for this great Mela are actually living the God-life as they understand it. Of course there are many professional beggars and one soon learns to differentiate. The intuition is the best guide. Beggars are beggars whether they are in India or in America. Here we see them in the 'raw' and there we often meet them in the best of society.

"We witnessed a man returning from the Ganges walking with a cane, his servant just behind him carrying his crutches. You may draw your own conclusions.

"Another great day is just ahead. On Friday the twenty-fourth the Mela of the sixth year occurs, so we will remain for that. I will continue this letter after that occasion. Mr. Spalding has taken two of our party to the Ganges today. I have remained at home to get this letter off to you."

GRACE G. HAHN.

Paragraph 1. When Christ taught "Unless you become as a little child, we can in no wise enter into the kingdom of Heaven," He gave one of the most profound truths. A child has not yet been hypnotised by the world idea of limitation and lives naturally in harmony with its source. That is why most grown people love to be with children. They radiate the natural harmony of the Universe, and that is the natural environment of man. If we would only drop all the ideas that have related us to the world, we would find ourselves in that determination which comes from the Universal movement, and we would perform the works that are always seeking to manifest themselves through our nature. "Wherever thou findest self, drop that self" wrote the ancient Hindus, and that is still the central teaching of the Masters. Only when habits to the contrary are dropped from the primal nature of man can he hope to live the life which is the only life. Most of our attempts at living are so completely adverse to the purpose and natural trend of life that it only leads to the dissolution of the flesh. "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death," said Jesus.

Paragraph 2. There is nothing that really limits man and keeps him in a state of uncertainty and inefficiency but his own thought. When these thoughts are removed he may enter into the life of the universe

with ease and then his life begins to give evidence of its natural possibilities.] "In that day when ye think not the son of man cometh," was the wise instruction of the great Master. All thought that comes into man's consciousness from the world is but a reflex of the impressions so received, and man is not a reflector. Man is the projection of the Divine, and only as he allows the deepest impulses of his own nature to express is he in life as it is.

Paragraph 3. The purpose of the law of life is to perfect and refine the nature of man until it is a complete and perfect expression of Itself. When life is lived in this way, without the reserve and restraint caused by the hypnotic spell of induced thought, the nature of man is continually refined. This requires the constant control of the individual until all his nature is a unit in expressing the one single purpose. The determination of this force is then perfect outwardly as it is already a fact in the Universal. Only in this way can man fulfill his destiny and receive the full support of the Universal forces. Many people wonder why God does not manifest through their own ideas and give them what they imagine they want. God no more acts through the ideas of man than the law of nature acts through infertile seeds, except to disintegrate them. God or Spirit is about his own business, fulfilling his own ideal and purpose, and man must come into harmony with this Universal

purpose. Then, and only then, will he attain that state of complete childlikeness where he lives life naturally. Natural life is perfect and produces perfect results. Our ideas are either altogether imperfect or incomplete. They have not the nature or purpose of the Universal trend in them, therefore they are only to be discarded and put aside in order that the higher influences may become the determining factors in our entire being.

Paragraph 4. You have been taught that the first law of nature is self-preservation, and so it is. But that does not mean that one protects his own life at the expense of another. The law of life moves to preserve and promote life. The life of a Master is one that promotes and preserves life for he lives in harmony with the only life which is. In him there is no revenge, and his whole motive is to protect life from every intrusion. That is the secret of Mastery. Until one has mastered that in his own nature which would destroy his life he is out of life. But when he is free from that which would destroy life he is completely in life. Even Jesus did not condemn those who crucified him, but released them from the karma of their own ignorance through the law of forgiveness.

Paragraph 5. To hold another in blame, or to attempt to place blame upon another, is only to involve yourself in that ignorance. Protect life wherever it is

manifest. Guard your own life and the lives of others from all ignorant intrusion. Protect yourself and others from any thought or act which would involve them in anything but the fuller and more harmonious expression of life. To do otherwise is suicidal. Constantly refine your own life by protecting the life all around you. But to protect others is not only to protect them from bodily violence, but to protect them from their own ignorance and the ignorance of others. Free yourself and others from the hypnotism of human thought, and see yourself and them as free sons of the highest. Only in this way can you enter into life, and to enter into life is to become the master yourself. If some one does you an injury, free him instantly in your own mind and free him from the possibility of criticism or condemnation from others. Always hold him freely in the Universal life.

Paragraph 6. People never stop to think why artists paint a halo of light around the saints and masters. It is because they are illumined, and illumination is always there when the veil of ignorance, the cloud of hypnotism is removed. You even see in some degree this same light around children, and it is the emanation of this light that makes you feel peaceful and calm when in the presence of very small children. They are perfectly free vehicles of the Universal life. This is the influence one feels and the light one sees around a Master. He has become as a little child; he

is freed from all world ideas that dim the light. Light is life and when one is completely in life he is in light—he IS that light. One who is completely in light lifts everyone into that same light to the degree that they are willing to let themselves respond to its influence. It is nothing supernatural that people should see light emanating from a Master. It is perfectly natural for that is life in its natural state. You have all potentialities within yourself, and you are able to recognize life as it is in those about you if you will just let yourself see. The only thing that prevents it is your unwillingness to drop what you have come to believe is your state or condition. Drop the veil and behold, there is the light.

Paragraph 7. You must come to see yourself as a Master. You must conduct yourself as a Master. There is no one who can teach you mastery, nor is there anyone who can give you mastership, for they are already yours. You must exercise it. You must live as a Master lives, think as a Master thinks, act like a Master acts before you would know a Master if you were to meet one.

Paragraph 8. How do you think a Master would meet the situations you have to face every day? Try meeting your problems in that same way. How would a Master speak to those about him? Try speaking in that same way. What would a Master's attitude be

toward those about him? Try expressing the same attitude. Could you imagine a Master worrying about business? Would a Master gossip and hate and become jealous or angry? Would he flinch at some particular task? Well, there is a pattern for you, for your own idea of how a Master would face life is exactly the way you should be facing it. If you will so face life, conscious that this is the determination moving in the Universe with which you are one, you will find the seeds of your own mastership sprouting and growing into their full stature.

Paragraph 9. Can you not see that what they have always taught is true, that it is not necessary for you to sit long hours in Samadhi or go through mystical rites and religious forms to come into illumination? They have prepared the way. They have proved that when you work outside the mind with its thoughts and just enter into life as it is, you are then in the state of mastership, and by so continuing until it is your own attitude as you face life, that you are then a Master. Drop that self which you seem to be, and begin to live your life as you inherently feel you should live it, and you will find that to be truly YOUR life.

Paragraph 10. Nor is it necessary for you to journey to India to find your master or teacher as many students believe. Your teacher and your master is

your own SELF. The Masters and Jesus do not journey in the world for their knowledge and power. They look within themselves to that Self which is the God within, and that is why they are masters. So long as you seek outside of yourself that which is to be found only within yourself, you will not find it. It is in this way that you will always be able to know the teachings of a real master. The unillumined tell you that you must find some teacher outside yourself, but a Master tells you that you must find the teacher within. This is the main point which Christ tried to make clear to the world. "Lo here and lo there" is the anti Christ teaching. "The Father within" is the true Christ teaching.

Paragraph 11. Then, what you find moving in your Self, that deepest side of your own nature, you must be doing outwardly. Practice makes perfect, and it is practicing your own Mastership, or living life as it should be lived, doing as you instinctively feel a Master would be doing and you will find that all you have been seeking is already here, completely manifest. All that was necessary was that you completely step out of character as you have been living, and into the new character living as life should be lived.

Paragraph 12. When one lives from the Soul, the Self, and not from the mind, everything in life is

clear and understandable. You know what you should do, where you should go, and life becomes simple and harmonious. That is life as it is intended, life as it is, life as we must ultimately live it. Children only live in the realm of thought when we have taught them to do so. They live naturally in the beginning, and we should become like them, and not make them over like ourselves. That does not mean we shall live unintelligent lives and that we will have no thoughts. It means that we will truly live intelligently, and that our thoughts will be the outcome of properly expressing the Inner Self.

Paragraph 13. To make this complete change from what we appear to be to what we really are, to enter into life as it is, will require some determination. Whatever the Hindu's belief is, he gives his all for it. He will walk hundreds of miles to fulfill what he believes to be his spiritual duty. When we are equally intent upon being what we instinctively feel we should be, we shall arrive without difficulty. We must quit hoping and wishing and set about doing and being.

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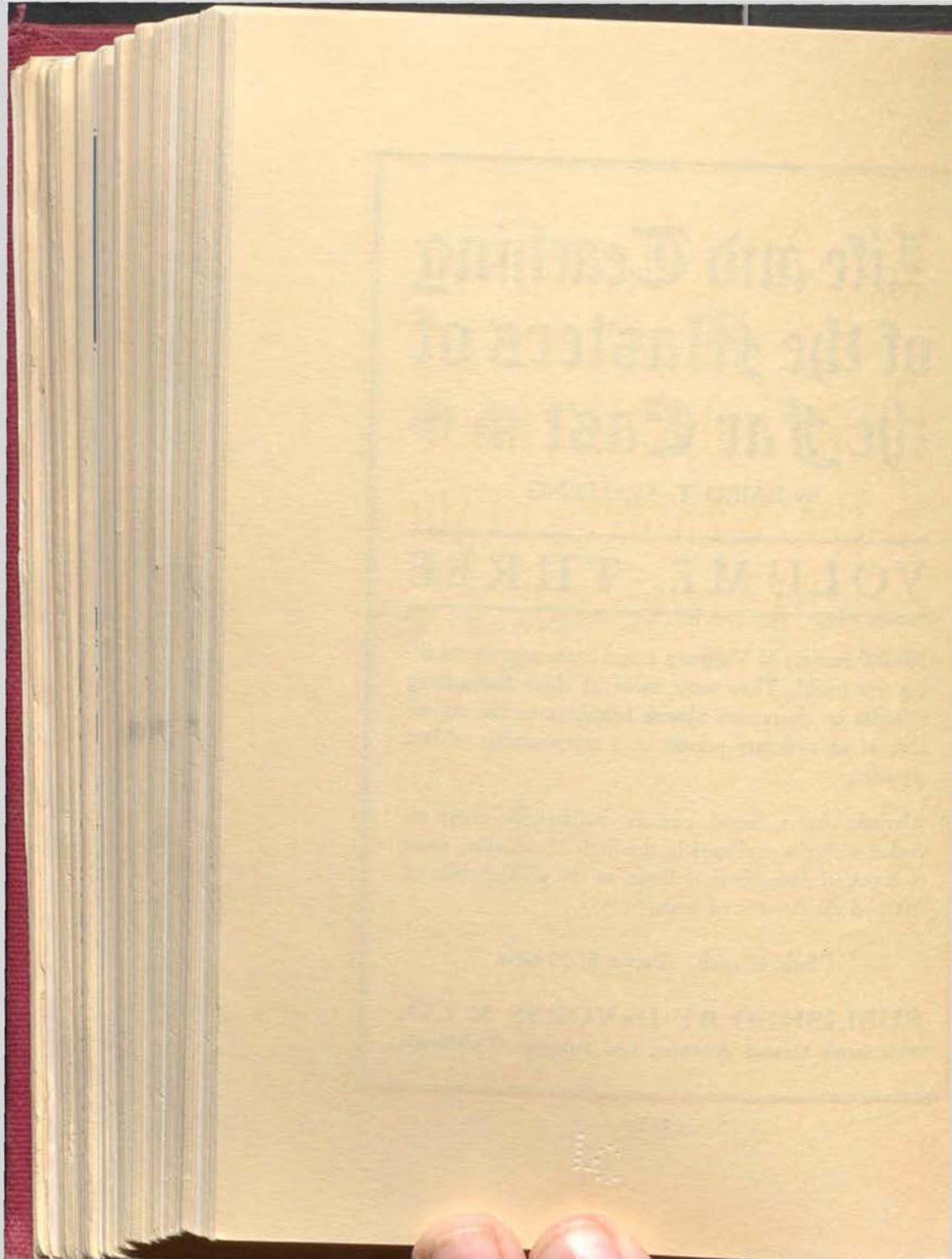
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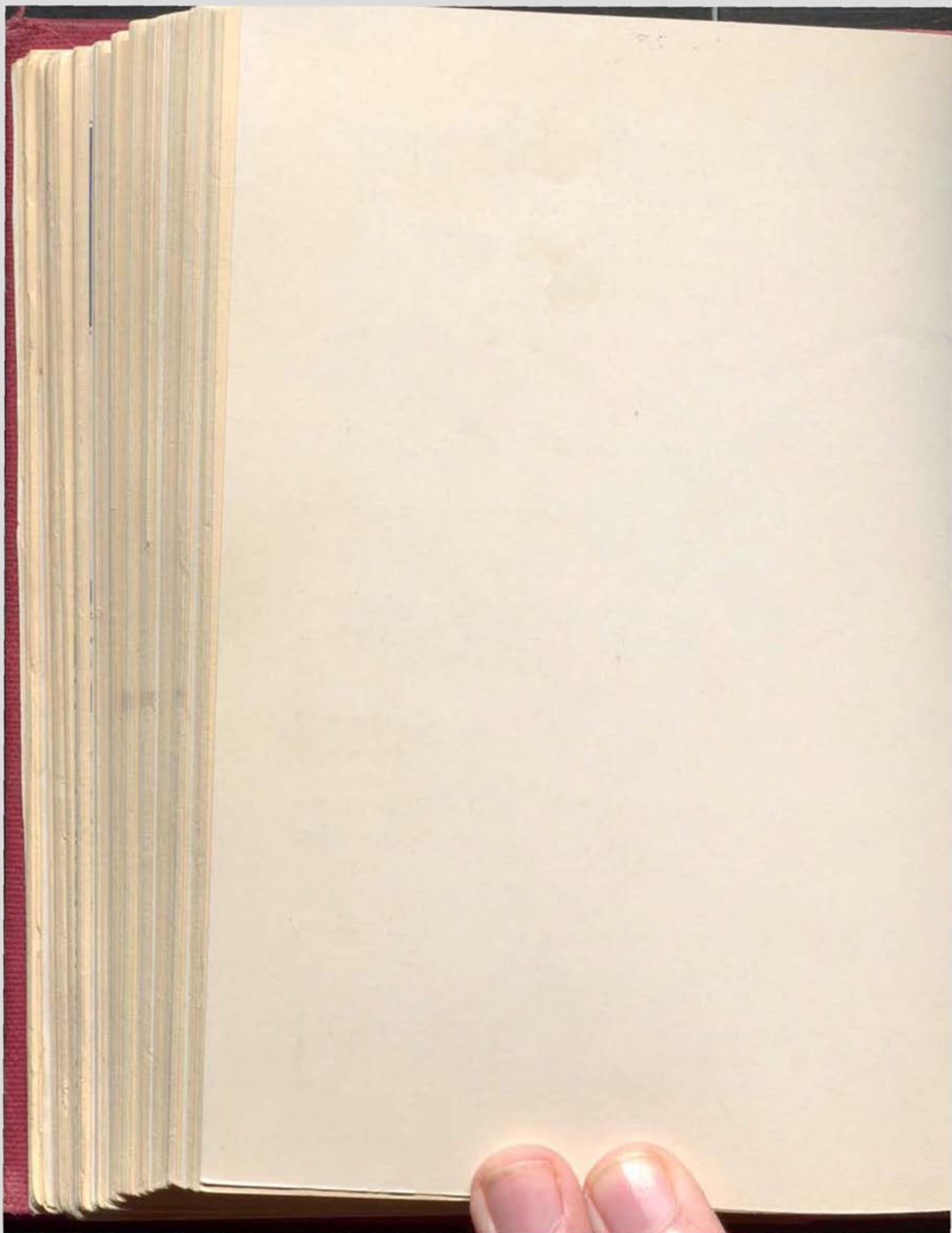
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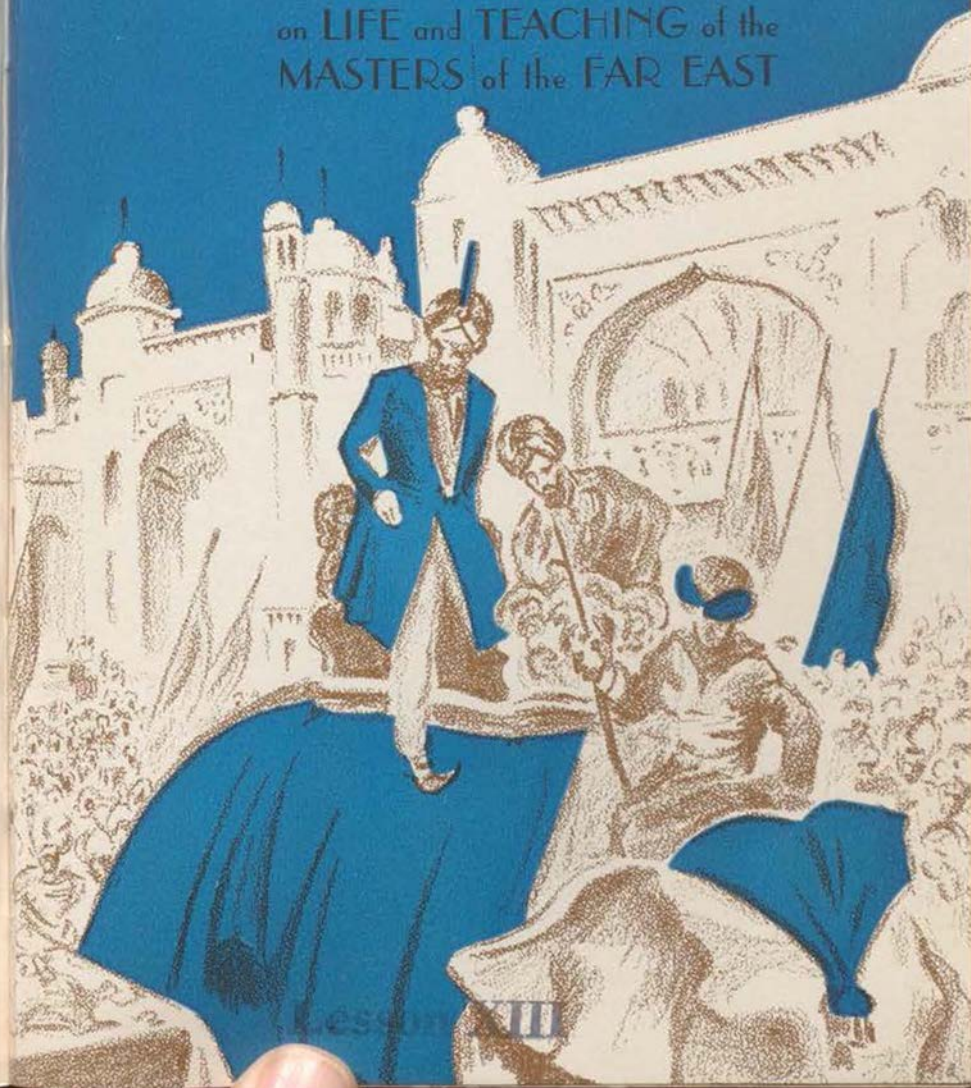
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PRANA

1. It is a well known fact today that the Cosmic Life Force surrounds and interpenetrates every condition and every atom and that the Life Force can be drawn within our bodies with the breath we breathe. Every act can be according to that Life Force. Every thought we think can be in harmony with It.

2. Note that it is said that this Life Force may be drawn in "with the breath we breathe." It is not the mere act of breathing that draws into the body of man this Cosmic Life Force. Unless definite attention to it accompanies our physical breathing it is not definitely appropriated. It is a life force which is so much finer than our physical air that it is not affected by mere physical processes any more than one might draw electricity into his being by the mere act of physical breathing. Of course there is a certain

amount of electricity, or what we call electricity, that is taken into the system by every act, and likewise with the Cosmic Life Force which is sometimes called Prana. If you will notice, everything toward which your attention is directed registers an impression on the mind. In turn this impression is developed into an idea and the idea expressed in words. This is a sort of mental breathing, is it not? Well, there is an inner attention, a deep longing you call it, to be perfect in every department of your being. When the outer attention is linked with this inner attention, or when it looks always toward the perfection of the Universe, as does what Seneca called the "eye of the soul," then there is drawn into man's being the elements of the Cosmic forces around and about us. The mystics have always taught that attention is the secret of success in dealing with the Cosmic forces. Deep, sincere, abiding attention to the surrounding spiritual ethers, a completely relaxed body and an all-absorbing interest and complete openness of mind are the necessary attitudes in order that one may realize this "inner breath" as it is called. This is "soul breathing" or letting the Self expand into its native ethers, the interpenetrating life force, or spiritual ethers as Steinmetz called it, until through the act of attention it is drawn within the whole being of man.

3. This Life Force being Cosmic must interpenetrate all elements. That is, in reality, the force that

stimulates all cellular growth allows it to expand and become the growth of the body as well as the growth of plants. In fact, it is incorporated with all growth of every description, and is the sustaining element of life. It becomes that which imbibes life as well for like every other force it is both positive and negative and acts and reacts within itself, just as whirling currents of air act and react within themselves. One might say that the air both breathes, or moves, and at the same time is acting within itself and upon itself.

4. The method of consciously appropriating the universal Cosmic Life Force, or Prana, is commonly called Pranayama. One might call it Prana-breathing, or the practice of consciously breathing the Cosmic Life Force. The exact procedure is difficult to define, and it would take too much time and space to give the entire technique of the Pranic breath. The technique for starting the operation is proper breathing, then one may with care and sincerity find his own method for the balance of the process. As we have said above, attention is the one fundamentally important practice in the process—attention to the highest source of energy existing, that all surrounding presence that you call God. The mind must be without strain, and whatever method best relieves the mind of strain would be the next step in right procedure. In fact, the Prana or spiritual substance is so fine and sensitive that it is deflected by the least force.

Did you ever try to catch a piece of lint or down floating in the air? Every tense or quick movement to grasp it only drove it away, but a quietness that was like letting it come between your fingers of its own volition was the proper technique for grasping it. That is as nearly an illustration as one could give. It is also like trying to remember something you have forgotten. If you make strong mental effort you do not remember, but if you let the mind rest, become quietly reflective, then the idea comes quickly within the mind. So with the Prana, it is breathed into the nature through quietness and confidence. Every phase of the mind must be free and the body completely relaxed. One must have a sense of complete freedom and complete expansion as if the cells of the body were actually moving out from each other until they almost stood apart. This practice may be continued until one forgets the sense of physical limitation altogether, then one is in the most perfect state mentally and physically to receive this Universal Substance into his whole being. It then has access to every cell of his being; it becomes the sustaining and invigorating element of life and especially of the human body. This method of control causes the body to keep young and vibrant.

5. It is a sustaining and invigorating practice that allows the cells and tissues of the body to expand, thereby giving greater oxydization to the body. It is

a complete spiritual airing of every cell of the body to the original ethers from which it came. Just as in a ray of light you find the various colors, so in Prana do you find all the elements of life that is the real essence of all the lesser forces. Prana is not oxygen, but is that which gives life to the oxygen, the actual life within the oxygen. It is that which gives force to electricity, consciousness to mind. In other words, it is the reality existing within and standing back of and sustaining all lesser forces. It is called the Spirit of God in the Scriptures. Pranayama—spiritual breathing—allows the proper expansion of all the elements taken into the body for the body's growth, and because of this expansion all the elements are oxydized or "aired" as we say when we expose things to the air or sun to become freshened. Material things packed too closely together become stale, but separated until the air, and especially the light, can interpenetrate through them they are freshened. Just so when the body is relaxed, when the mind and spirit are freed, when the whole nature expands to consciously allow the Prana to interpenetrate throughout the entire being, the whole nature is freshened, revived, refreshed, fed. This is Pranayama or the art of spiritual breathing. But attention is the fundamental secret of the practice. You even have to give attention to the sun in order to gain the greatest benefit from a sun bath.

6. It is through this practice that certain Yogi are able to suspend animation for certain periods of time. This rests the whole system and renews it for the contact with its origin or source is restored, and the original life elements are again contacted by the flesh itself. In the same way, and with the same results, they suspend respiration. It is like coming up out of the water into fresh air after one has been submerged for a period. To try to suspend animation and respiration would only be to drown yourself literally. But to expand yourself and so relax yourself until you begin to consciously sense the life-giving ethers one becomes so much alive, so vitally filled with life, so refreshed and fed that one has no need of the outer breath or the outer activities of the body. He becomes alive from within.

7. Just as this practice vitalizes the body, so it enlivens the mind. The reason men do not think well is because the mind is too tense, too compressed—so to speak—so that it does not function freely. Under the practice of Pranayama the whole nature is expanded and functions more freely and completely. It is like loosening bearings that are too tight on a machine and letting the oil penetrate through it. It then moves more freely. Memory, in this case, comes in from a thousand different sources and one remembers what he was in the beginning. It comes without any effort at all and anything he wants to know comes instantly

and easily into his mind. Inasmuch as Prana interpenetrates all there must be a close relationship between Prana and that function of the mind. Prana allows no division in function, for it unites all the functions of the individual with the Universal. It is, of course, Universal, and opens the way for all activities, thousands and thousands of activities at the same time. Prana is an emanating energy underlying all substance. Of course substance in its original state is energy and energy is substance. What we know as energy and substance are but two aspects of a single primal energy, and this primal energy is Prana, or Spirit.

8. We may more truly say that Prana is one of the elements of Spirit for spirit is not only energy but intelligence and substance. It is more subtle than ether. The Western World is defining ether as Prana, though there is a difference in the subtlety and the activity of Prana and ether. The latter is nascent while Prana is always active. Ether is Prana becoming or coming out toward manifestation. All of the finer forces of nature such as electricity and the other moving elements of creation are divisions and mediums in which and through which Prana works.

9. When the human body or any material form disintegrates it goes back into Prana, first into the various forms of energy and thence back into Universal and primal force. If Prana were constantly re-

ceived into the whole being of man, the flesh would be eternally quickened, or it would become more and more animated, more and more alive, and the last enemy would be overcome. There are those who overcome old age and death with or through an understanding of Prana right along. They rebuild the body with the Pranic influence. This happens in a slight degree every time one goes to sleep or rests, but when one adds conscious attention to the Pranic Presence, completely relaxes in mind and body, the attention breathes the ever-present Prana into and through his whole being; therefore the greatest degree of renewal of mind and body is attained.

10. You see, intelligence is the primal attribute of being, and the activity of consciousness is Prana, or vital force of creation, and substance is the form through which both act. Intelligence, Life and Substance are the trinity of elements in the first cause as defined by the Western world. Intelligence is its KNOWING aspect. Life is its QUICKENING or vital aspect. Substance is the aspect which has the capacity of FORM. Prana is usually used as embracing both the substance and life elements, and they are the vehicles or mediums through which intelligence moves to direct and determine the created forms.

11. This primal intelligence, life and substance are just Godalmighty in action, but it must become a conscious fact in every individual. It becomes selec-

tive to the individual and is of conscious use to the individual as the individual selects it.

12. The Cosmic Ray of which Millikan speaks is a Pranic wave. They will find nine divisions of the Cosmic ray which are all definitely Pranic in origin. They can be of great benefit if properly used. These nine rays are the emanations of Pranic energy, just as the seven colors are emanations of a ray of pure white light. Creation is only the splitting up and recombining of influences or energies, as we call them, emanating from the Pranic ethers.

13. When we go back to the center of anything it is pure light, and this is the inner light of which Jesus spoke. It is the light of Illumination. The greater man's spiritual awakening, the greater the light. Have you not noticed that one awakened in joy has a radiance about his countenance? When one is spiritually awake, the light is correspondingly bright. That is why artists paint Jesus with a halo of light about him. Light is life. This is the "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," and it is the fire through which the initiates of the occult schools had to walk in order to be eligible to illumination. This light is all about us and is an emanation of the Pranic ethers. It is the light which is the beginning and the end of creation. When you can live in the light, as you now live in your sense of body, you will be immortal for the light never dies. I was notic-

ing a report of some kind of light shining in Trans-jordan although archaeologists were perfectly sure that there was nothing there of an old civilization. Those following the light found and broke into archaeological remains very quickly. That has happened in Persia as well. We have not yet seen it in the Gobi. There is a history, however, that that light always showed in that country. We have a complete history in fact that that light showed over the first tower of Babel, a tower that was built of actual stone in the form of a step-pyramid. However this light is seen only through the Single Eye, such devoted attention that all the senses and faculties of man are pointed in one direction, and that direction must be toward what the Scriptures call the "light of His countenance."

14. This is the light of the New Jerusalem spoken of by John in Revelations. John knew well how to use the Pranic Light. He extended his vision to take in all of it. It is of course much beyond what we know as clairvoyance, though clairvoyance is a phase of it, and is really a step backward in evolution. It is like living in the borrowed light from another when the true light, the light that lighteth every man, is within him.

15. We must go forward to that Light, and the lower senses which hold us back or away from our birthright will let go. The limited activities direct us away from the unfoldment and use of the Pranic

Light by the higher senses. The psychic faculties will fall into line and become valuable instruments when the Pranic Light is unfolded. The Pranic light vibrates way beyond the psychic forces. Furthermore, mediumship and so-called psychic development are not steps toward the unfoldment of the direct Pranic Light.

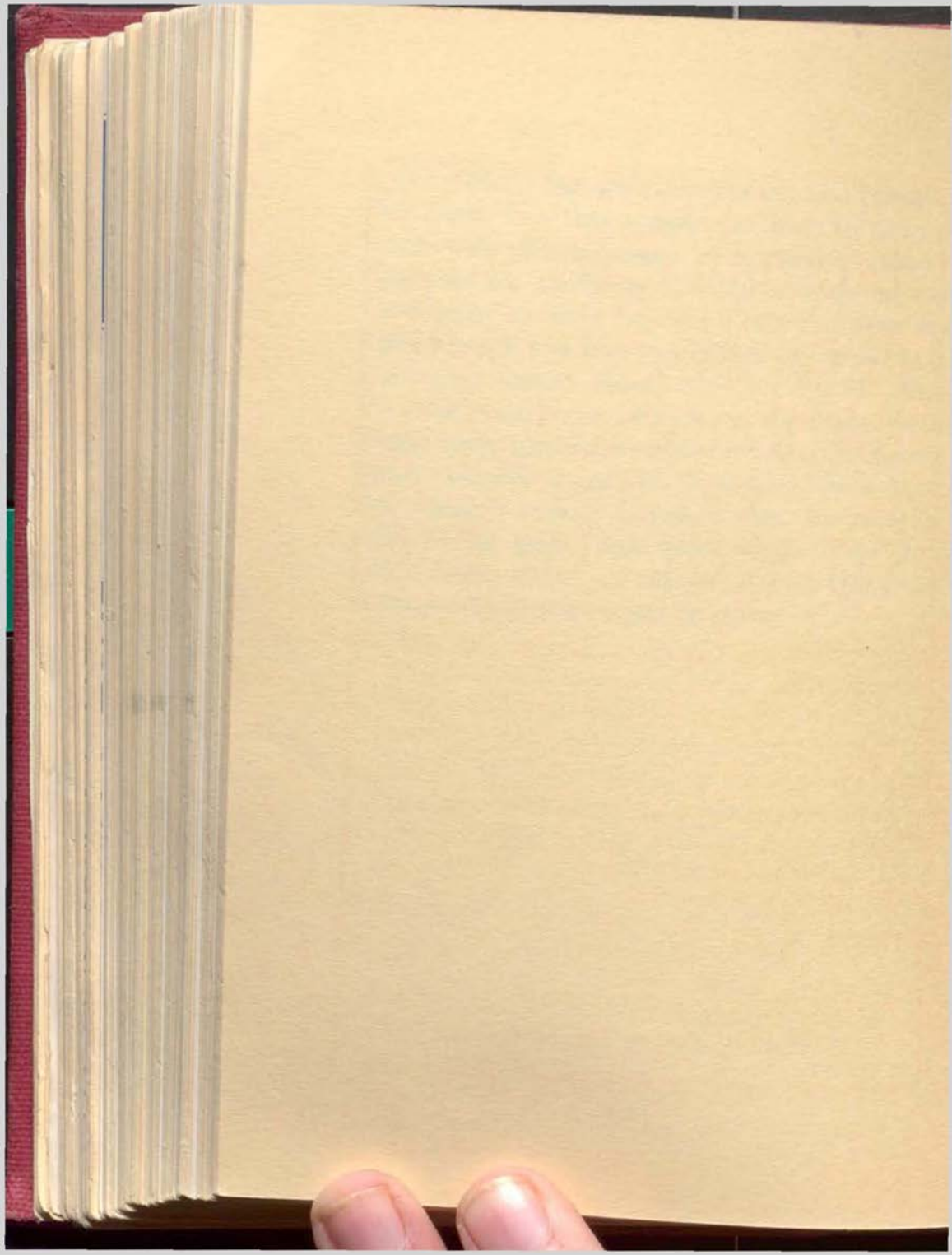
16. Pranic light can always be called upon to overcome any degrading forces that oppose it, just as light can be brought into play to dispel darkness. It can be called into existence immediately. It operates through the I AM center. The statement, "I am the force of that Pranic Light and I project It and put it forth as all powerful," will break that condition of the conflicting forces or voices every time. But it must be the voice of the Christ Self, which is the real I AM within each individual. This I AM is not above you or outside of you, but at the very center of your being. That was Jesus' thought when he said "I have nothing except that which comes in the Name, and through the Power of the Christ." It involves the highest embodiment of Prana.

17. The transfiguration of Christ was when the consciousness of Jesus was merged into the realization that Intelligence, Life and Substance were in the last analysis ONE, and that One was what he called the Father, or primal cause, like all the various colors of the spectrum returning to a pure ray of white light.

18. There is but one Consciousness, One Principle, One Sense. It is only complicated when we deal too much with differentiations, or apparently differing functions and attributes. To deal with the mind as functioning in many faculties is only to further dissipate yourself and draw you farther and farther away from your source. Behold our God is ONE. With that one thought, or attitude, of the Pranic forces always being in operation within as well as about us, we become unified, or one with the whole. John said that that which is without is really within. He carried it right to that great Pranic force which always exists and is always active, and this action is the One action throughout all creation and all space.

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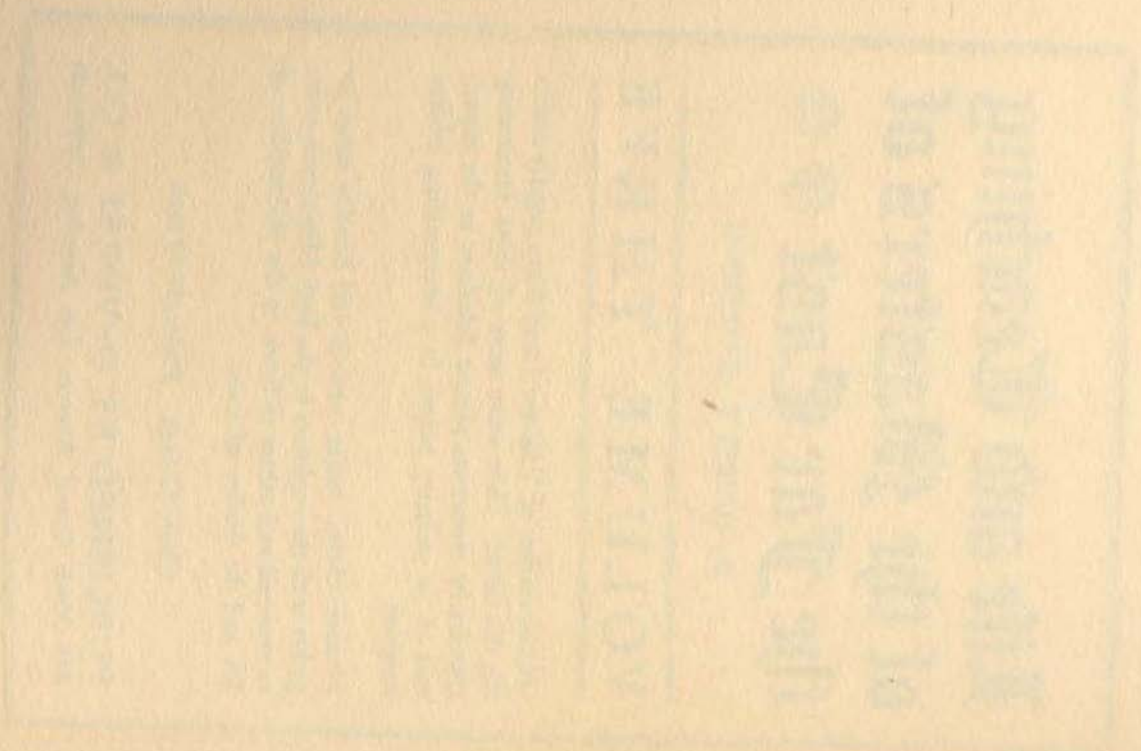
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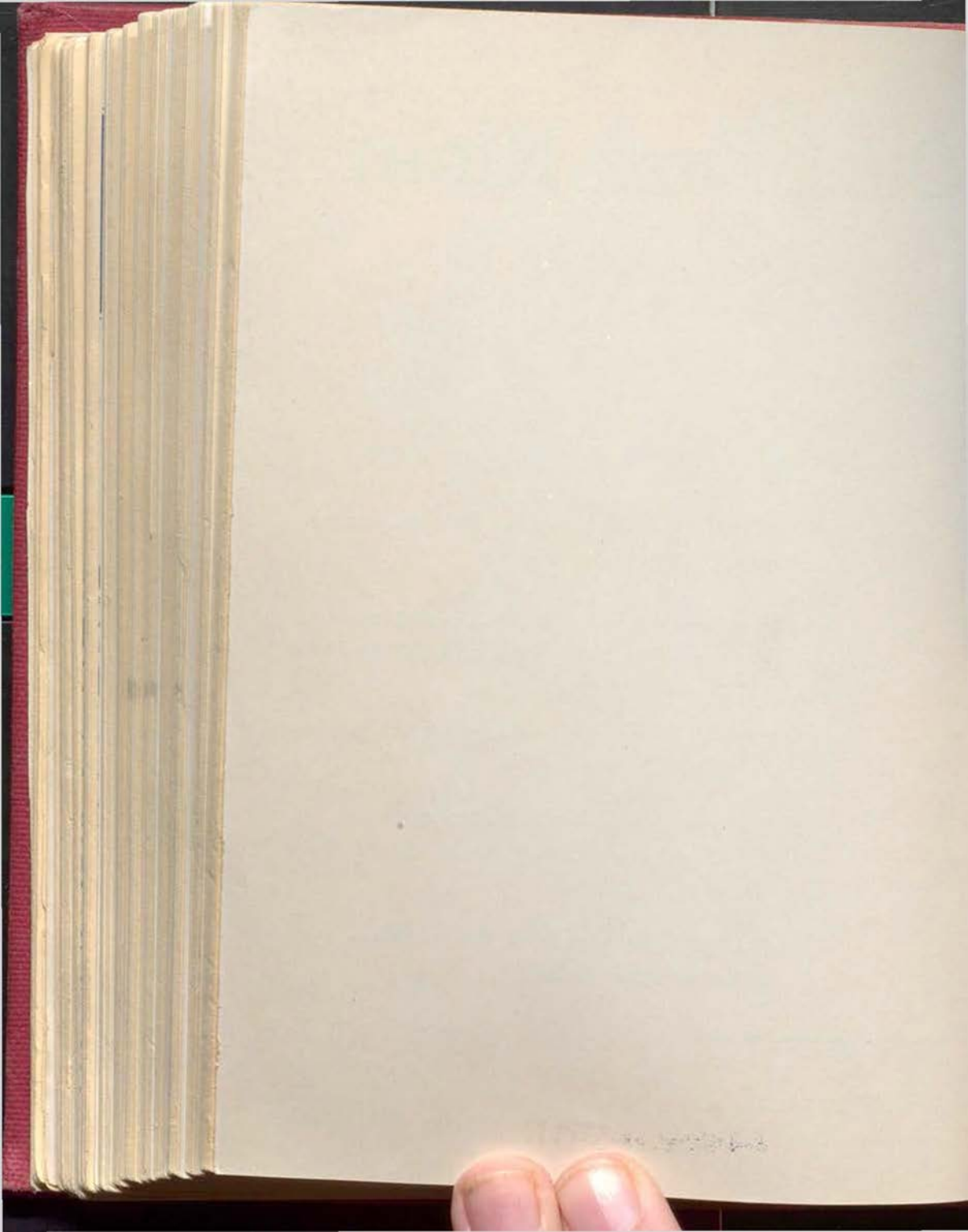
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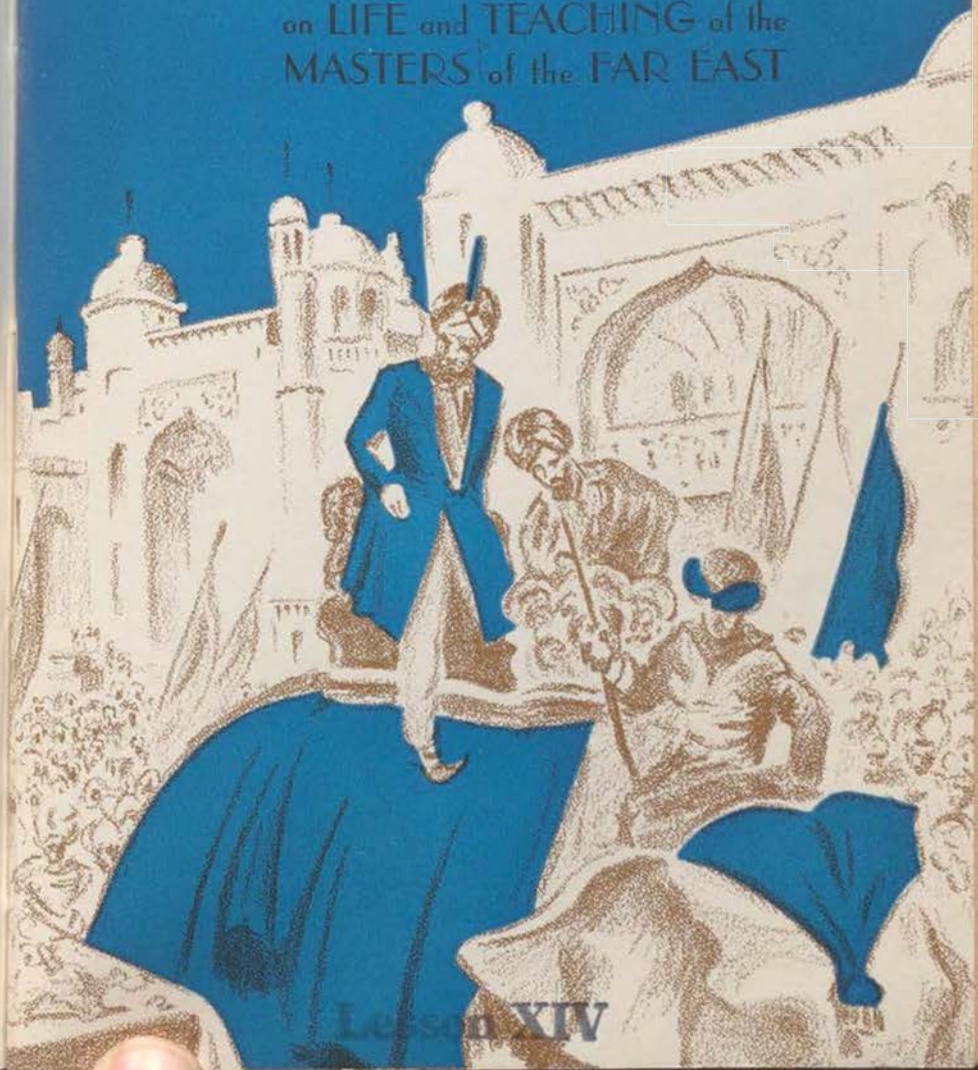
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THE QUANTUM THEORY

1. We have for consideration today, at the request of one of the members of the party, the question of the Quantum Theory. The Quantum Theory has to do with Physics. It is the theory of the distribution of energy throughout nature. It was developed in the Berlin University as an outcome of investigation into radiation from black objects. This research resulted in the conclusion that all forms radiate a definite energy, and that there is nothing in the world of form that is an inert mass. Every form has within itself some degree of energy and this energy is a distinct emanation of the energy that fills infinite space. The amount of energy that each particular form radiates is in direct proportion to the relationship which it has with the Universal energy.

2. Just as a pendulum swings in a long or short

arc according to the amount of force exerted to start it swinging, just so all forms retain the amount of active energy required in sending it forth. This energy is retained by the form just to the degree that it retains its relation to the energy which sent it forth. If the pendulum stops it is because the impelling force has ceased to exert influence upon it. Matter becomes less and less active as it loses some of its contact with the original impelling force which started it into motion. When this energy ceases to act within the form, the form disintegrates.

3. Metaphysically this has much of vital importance to those of the Western world. The movement in the United States came under the depression and all that that means is that there was no foundation in fact. That is, it was founded on only a half truth. There is fact as a basis for our metaphysics, but that fact was overlooked and misunderstood by most of its exponents in the United States. This will all be discussed in our consideration of the Quantum Theory.

4. The Eastern world, those of higher thought, have known the facts propounded in the Quantum Theory. They deal, in brief, with but one fact, that of the universality of all things, and consequently in dealing with that one fact, they have a definite basis for both science and metaphysics. The psychology of the Western world is mere child's play. It is based to

a great extent upon theory. Whenever you deal with divisions of mental, material and physical, you are bound to base at least 75 % of your calculations on theory. Division is not unity, and unity is not division, and the basis of all creation is that it is a unit. "I am that I am and beside me there is no other" is the eternal declaration of fact which is the unity of all things. The direct violation of this fundamental unity is in considering mind as having many phases or faculties, when in reality mind is a single unit, not only as within the individual, but as existing in and of the Universe. Material form is not something isolated from and independent of the Universe, but is one in and with the Universal substance. The physical body is not an isolated phase of the creative scheme, but is in and one with the Universal Energy. To violate this fundamental unity is to isolate yourself in a hypnotic state where you seem to be a separate being, and therefore you isolate yourself, devitalize yourself and ultimately destroy your ability to further manifest in this plane. To deny the relationship of the visible with the invisible is to push yourself right out of your body and into the invisible.

5. The Eastern philosophy is not based upon theory at all. It is based upon a definite scientific fact or principle. That is the same idea that Einstein is bringing out in the Quantum Theory. He has brought it out in greater evidence than any other one scientist

in the Western world. Many are saying that it is the gap between Science or Physics and true Religious thought.

6. The Easterner does not approach the matter of religious thought as theory at all. In fact, he proves that it is not theory. Thereby he accomplishes that very fact and the possibilities involved in that fact. You do not see the Eastern philosophies pass out a theory for anything. Their basis is always in fact. It, of course, is not fact simply because they pronounce it so, but because it has a scientific basis in fact. That fact was clearly revealed by Christ when he said, "I and my father are ONE," preserving the unity of himself with the whole. That is the basis from which all successful living must evolve, and it is only to the degree that this oneness is maintained by the individual that he begins to radiate the energy that sent him into being. This is the basis of the Quantum Theory as applied from the viewpoint of pure religion or pure metaphysics. And that is why the Eastern philosophers give so much attention to the Quantum Theory. They see the scientists of the world returning to the basis of their own religious thought held for thousands of years.

7. Einstein did not come right out and say that it was all Spirit. Consequently, it was urged that the physical and material was not a fact, but he showed

that it was based upon one joint determination. He put it as one general Principle, co-relating all physics, as he said, under one head. That is exactly what those of higher Eastern thought had determined long ago—that there is but one Principle, one scientific basis, and that basis one of Being.

8. Now the Eastern world does not go back and reason from that Principle. They work through to that principle from the external, consequently it is not necessarily a true form of reasoning; that is, their form of reason is not truly scientific reason. All true reason works out from principle to its manifestation, and not from the manifestation back to principle. Imagine trying to work a problem by reasoning back, or attempting to reason back to Principle by studying the size, shape, form and general construction of an accumulation of figures. The people of the Western world in their attempt to solve the riddle of life are doing that very thing. By this process they become highly mental, or as we put it, intellectual. And as we already know, their intellectual knowledge is always subject to revision for it does not prove itself. That is why one of our modern scientists has said that all written works on science prior to the last ten years should be burned. The Eastern world is carried beyond the intellectual, or the ordinary intellectual. Of course, true principle and reason from the basis of the One Fact is the highest form of intellect. But the

hypothesis that the Eastern world takes puts it wholly on a true intellectual basis in carrying it to a clear conception.

9. The intellect of the Western world covers a wide range, but comes to no absolute conclusion in its hypothesis or theories. All of the Science of the Western world has been based upon that hypothesis or theory. The people of the Western world have progressed to the point where they know the existence of certain determining factors, but they never go directly to the simple denominator of One Principle when handling fact. The Eastern philosophers have always based their premises upon one Natural Fact. And there you have the basis of the Quantum Theory. One Universal Fact from which all form emanated and operates as the animating force of the created form—the Universal distribution of energy.

10. The difference between the Hindu conception and the theory of Monism is that the latter eliminated all but the blind force of nature or creation. The Hindu always considered it an active, intelligent force that knew what it was doing, an energetic force, and a force that did accomplish an intelligent creation that moved toward an intelligent purpose. That anyone who would work with the intelligence of that force could accomplish all things through it.

11. The crux of the whole matter is therefore

right knowledge. What we have called knowledge is past. The true knowledge is outside the senses. The true basis of knowledge is to know the motivating force and the ends toward which it moves, as it is this motivating sense, or the inward sense of the trend of the motivating force of the Universe that brought all things into existence in the beginning and will bring all things into being through that individual who senses and works in harmony with its purpose.

[12] The true knowledge comes through samadhi or silence. It comes through an inner feeling or an intuitive knowing. This is rightly what we call understanding. With all your getting, get understanding. When we obey what we inwardly feel the accomplishment is achieved, and then we have correct knowledge for it is based on the outworking of Principle. This is the manner in which all true knowledge comes, not only in things spiritual, but in relation to the principles which we use every day. We discover certain principles, apply those principles, results are forthcoming, and from these results we formulate our knowledge.

13. When you take that knowledge completely out of the realm of hypnosis you get down to the fundamental fact or truth. Knowledge does not necessarily exist in the fundamental fact. That fact exists prior to and is greater than knowledge. Knowledge,

as the Hindu puts it, comes directly from the expression of the fundamental fact.

14. When the Bible says that "the flesh profiteth nothing" it does not say that the flesh is nothing. It has no reality except that which is of the Spirit which produced it. The flesh is not a producer; it does not produce anything for it is the thing produced. It is the Spirit which produces. Flesh is Spirit in form, as they put it. They do not make any distinction between flesh and Spirit, or material and spiritual. Consequently it is all one and the same to them, and that is where they accomplish. The Word made flesh is the true spiritual form.

15. When the Spirit works in manifest form, it obeys a manifestation of law. If you can know that Law you can know Spirit definitely. As Paul says, "Faith is Spirit substance." It means that Faith, made knowing, is all substance. You know instead of having Faith. There is where the Sanskrit never deviates. That evidence of Spirit, which is first faith and then knowing, creates. Through that evidence men create always, not through the senses, or the sense of the material or physical, but through all substance as Spirit.

16. Faith is the active principle of the mind. The mind acting upon inner knowing or understanding ripens into knowledge or becomes absolute knowledge. Spiritual intuition is direct knowing; it is tapping the

infinite consciousness directly at its source. This power of direct knowing is born in every individual. Some manifest it earlier in life, chiefly because they are less hypnotized. That is, the less one is subjected to the supposed knowledge of the race, which is really ignorance, the more readily does that one follow what he instinctively knows and feels to be true. It is within the individual always, and must be brought out.

17. Jesus said, "I have nothing save that which comes in the name and through the power of Christ," putting himself in direct receptivity to spiritual intuition at all times. What Jesus did was really a lesson in how each man should proceed in every phase of life. That you might be one with the Father even as he was one with the Father, and his contact was always through the Christ, the Word of God, that is the inner fact of all men. "Christ is all and in all" and Christ is the inner reality of each individual.

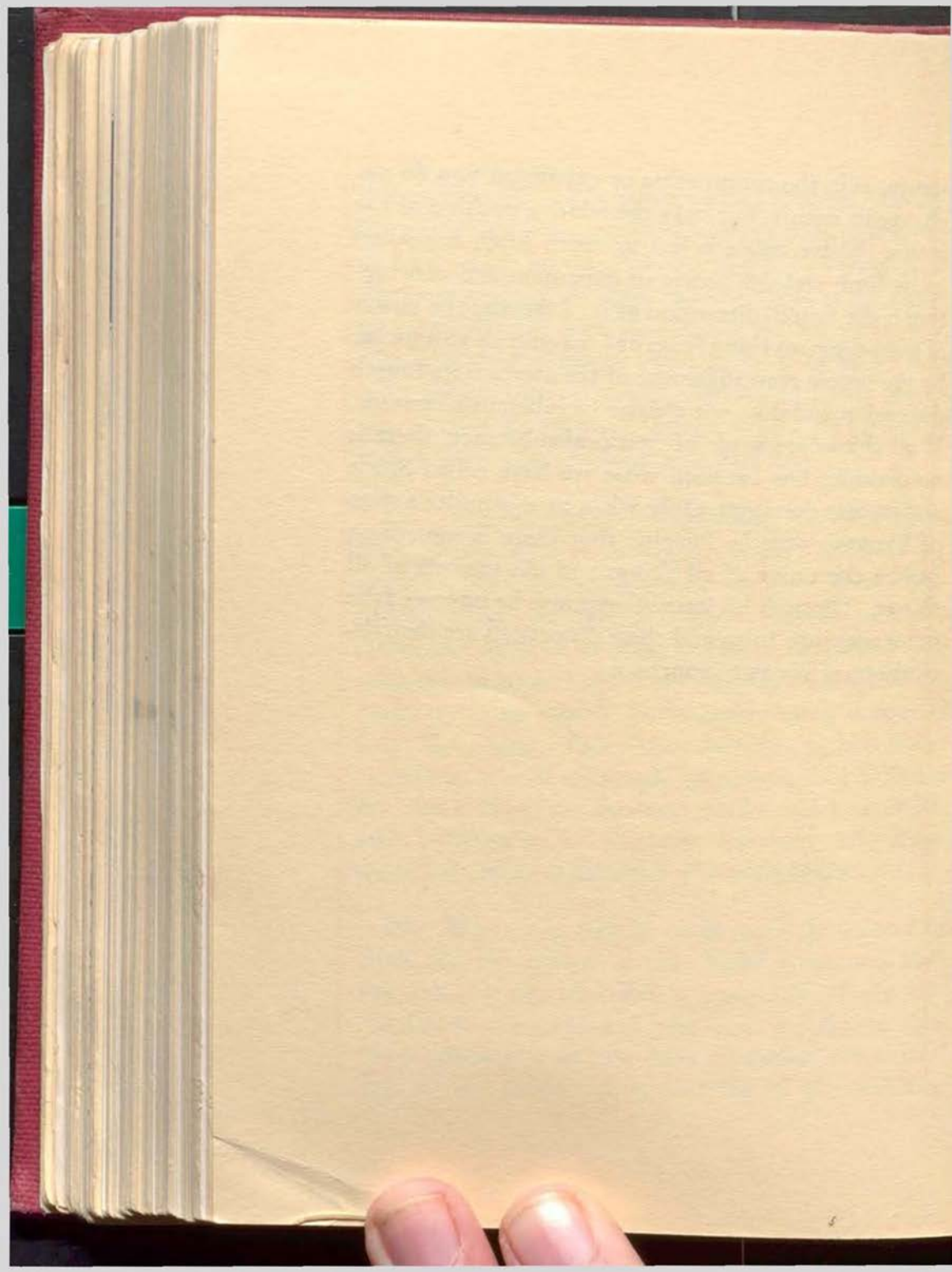
18. There is only one kind of intuition just as there is only one kind of physical sight. You can, through your eyes, look toward and discover anything you wish. You may look for beauty and ugliness and you use the same sight. One is desirable and the other is undesirable. You may train your intuition to search out the determining principle and its operations; you can train it into psychic planes and find out what is going on there; or you can train it on your neighbor

and discover his secret thoughts and motives. But intuition turned in any other direction than to discover the operations of the Principle itself is perversion of this sense back of all senses, and hypnosis is the result, for it clouds the clear perception of the individual. The only way to escape any degree of hypnosis is to train the intuition into the channels of direct knowing. This is the path of light, and any perversion of the intuitive sense is the path of darkness.

19. The old theory of occultism that the senses must be destroyed or killed or reversed is not in accordance with the teachings of the pure Hindu philosophy. They say that all is Spirit, that the senses are Spirit, but must be so used, or their true spiritual significance be preserved. They become avenues of expression of that which the intuition learns as coming from the Spirit. This direct knowing is also direct manifestation. If we would accept the fact which is revealed in Principle, that fact would become immediately manifest to us. It is just that easy. The Westerner has simply submerged it in complexities.

20. When you rightly understand the nature of what you call matter as pure Spirit substance, then you can see just why this is true. The Hindu says "Compress the cube and you have a different substance. Expand it and you have a different substance." You do not define this as material of physical sub-

stance, as in the compression or expansion you do not change its nature, but only the relative position of the atoms. Water or ice is just as much H_2O , regardless of its form and this power of expansion and contraction is the fourth dimension of it. Likewise the power of extending anything from one magnitude to another by the simple rearrangement of the atoms is its fourth dimension and does not change its inherent character. If all things are made of Spiritual substance, there is no dividing line between what we have called Spirit and its manifestation. Only when man is under a state of hypnosis does he imagine that there is something besides the unity of all things and the oneness of all things. Through his state of hypnosis he imposes false influences into form and these distortions are the fabrications of his own ignorance.



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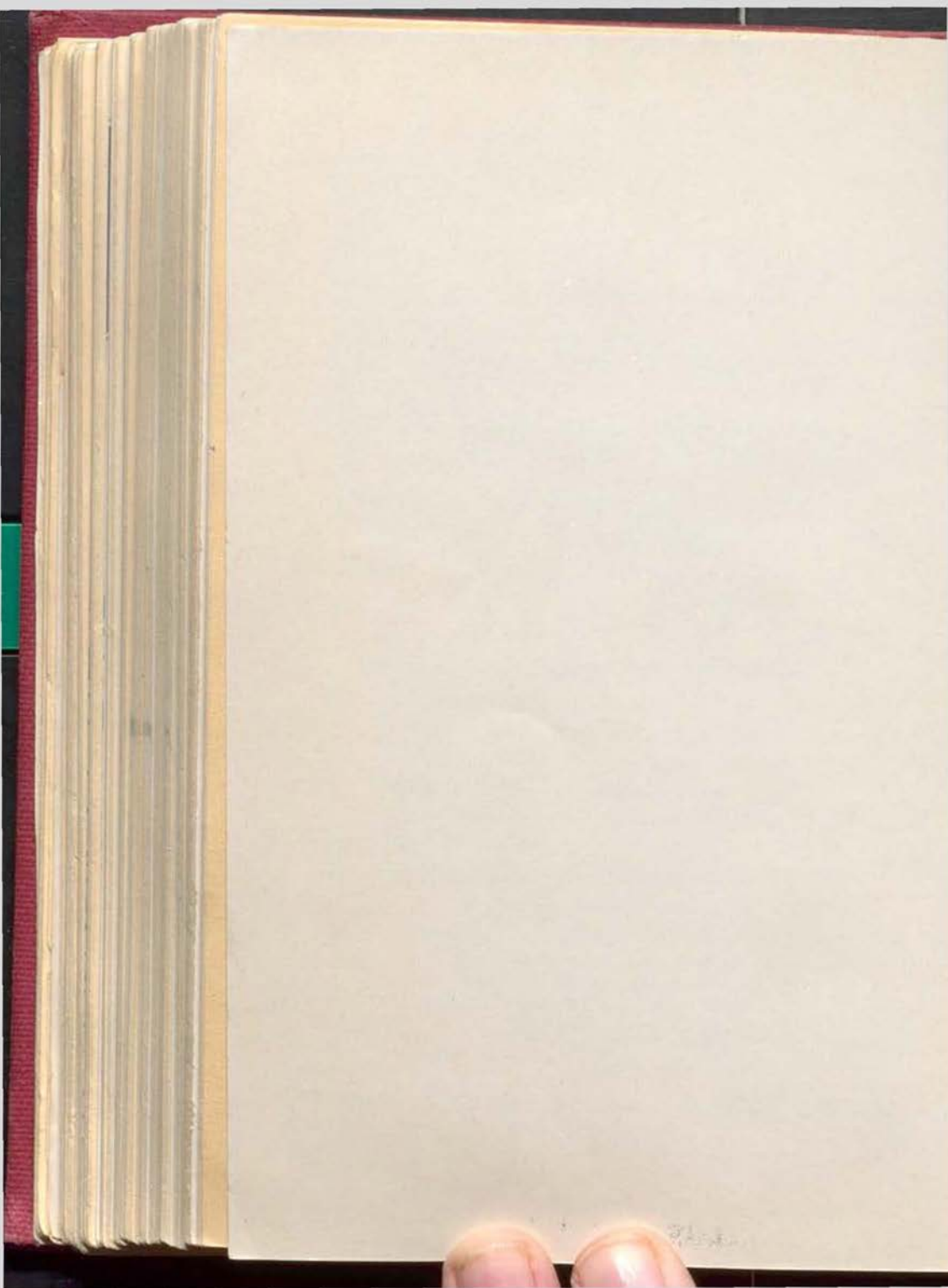
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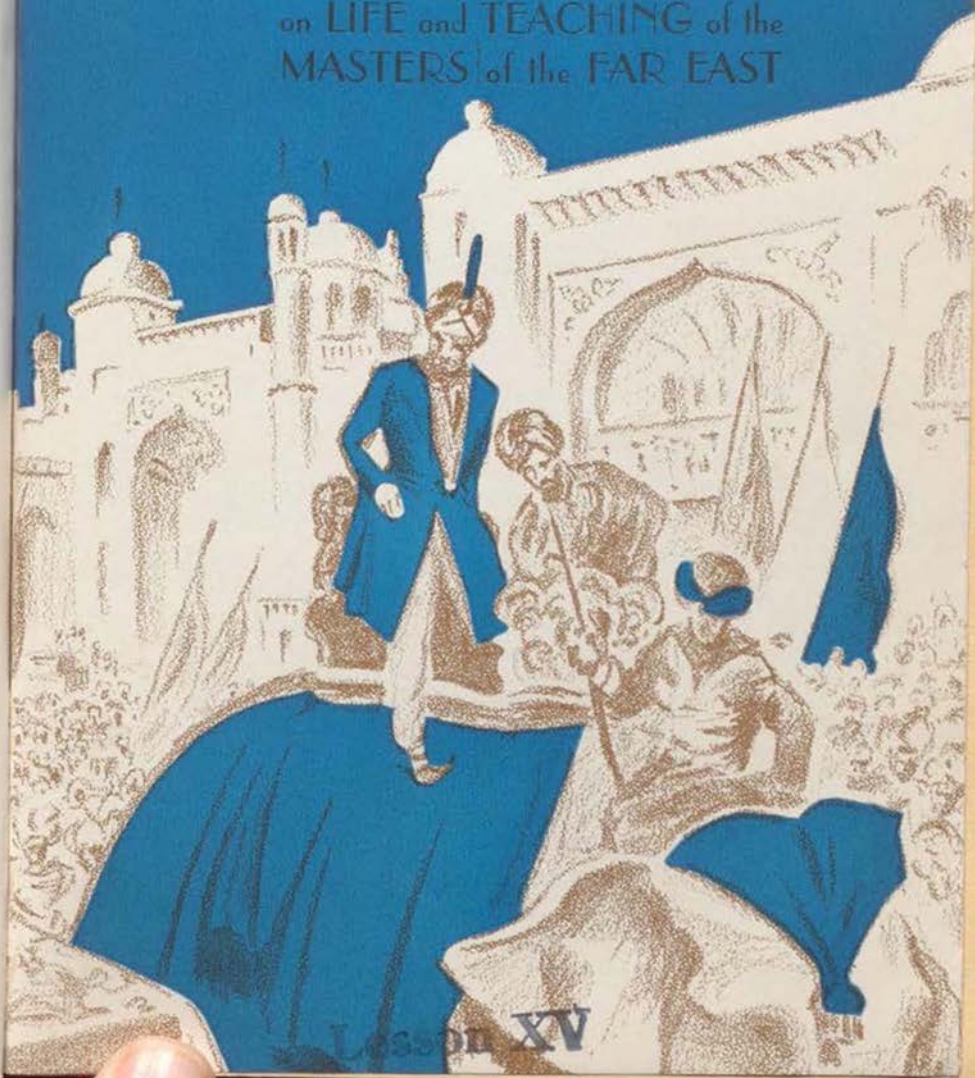
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how to proceed in attaining his own mastership. Furthermore, the miraculous feats and the manner in which the masters live has doubtless been sufficiently covered in the three volumes of *Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East*.

This trip has yielded us much of practical knowledge, and it is our purpose at this time to review the main points in order that they may stand out in the mind of the student. Thus he may have a clearly defined working basis from which to proceed in recasting his life in accordance with those motives through which the illumined have attained to mastership. Mastership is everyone's possibility, but this state is not achieved through reading, study or theorizing, but by actually living the life which the masters live.

It has been clearly stated that life lived by the average individual is hypnotic; that is, the majority of men and women are not living life as it was intended at all. Not one in a million feels the freedom to live what he inwardly feels he should live. He has come under the world opinion of himself, and this opinion is what he obeys, rather than the law of his own being. In this respect and to this degree he is living under an hypnotic spell. He lives under the delusion that he is a mere human being, living in a merely material world, and only hopes to escape it when

he dies and goes to what he calls Heaven. This is not the determination intended in the plan and purpose of life. Obedience to one's inner nature, the expression of life as he instinctively feels it ought to be expressed, is the very foundation of the life which the masters reveal as the only true mode of living.

Now, the difference between the teachings and practices of the masters and fakirs of India is that the fakir only intensifies the hypnotic condition of the mind. Further false and material pictures are so impressed upon the sensitive minds of the people that they are thrown into further states of hypnosis. The masters say, "That which seems external exists not at all," by which they mean that it is not what appears that is the reality of life. The reality of life is that which moves out from the very center of one's being. They seek in every way to clarify their minds of world impressions, and sit in long periods of Samadhi—Silence—in order that they may see clearly that innermost trend of their nature. Then their next attempt is to live in thought, word and act that movement which they have discerned within themselves. True mastery is living the instruction of the inner teacher, the inner self, and not seeking the opinions of the world.

Nor does the method of the fakirs differ in

any large measure from much of the teaching and practice of the metaphysical world of the West. The gathering of thoughts from teachers and books, building them into the conscious nature of one's being, is to establish a false determination which is largely hypnotic. The mere making of one's consciousness over according to thoughts evolved by other's minds is to impose a false condition upon that individual. To manipulate the body, the affairs, or to concentrate within the body to awaken its centers or functions is only to throw the individual further out of the true determination of life, and the "last state of that man is worse than the first." Instruction received from the without must be taken into the mentality and assimilated, analyzed, checked with the deepest facts of one's own inner nature, and thereby determine if it be true to the Self. One best consult the Self first and gain his outer knowledge thus at first hand. The first method is slow and retarding to one's progress, while the latter is swift and freeing. Notice the difference when you act according to some one's instruction and when you obey what you instinctively feel to be the right thing to do. This of itself should teach us that the way of life is from within out.

The forces of life are silent and that is the main reason for the silent nature of the masters.

That is the way they keep in harmony with life itself. Even our Scriptures teach in substance that a multitude of words is not without sin. Only when we speak in harmony with what we inwardly feel do we let ourselves out into complete harmony with the true determination of life. Have you not noticed that when you speak what you feel, just as when you do what you feel is right, that you are free? Also when you speak that which does not meet with the sanction of your innermost feelings, you feel you have limited or bound yourself.

This is the philosophy of non-resistance propounded by Gandhi and which is prevalent in Hindu teachings. Christ emphasized this teaching. When you speak or act in a manner that is out of harmony with yourself you create resistance, and that resistance is the influence of hypnotic practices. It contracts the nature of man and keeps him from expressing what he truly is. Not only does this resistance occur in his own nature, but when brought to the notice of others they further add to this resistance and by this practice the whole world is kept in darkness. "The Father who sees in secret rewards thee openly." No one resents the radiations of pure joy, even though they may be exceedingly sad, but try to talk them into joy and they resent it. Tell a poor man that he does not need to be poor,

and he is likely to resent it and will offer all sorts of excuses in defense of his poverty, but bring him under the silent influence of abundance and his very soul expands. Try to separate two men who are fighting and they are likely to attack you, but radiate a sense of peace from your own inner nature and they are more than likely to catch your sense of peace and cease fighting. The doctrine of non-resistance is not passive, but is a dynamic radiation of the inner SELF.

Social reorganization and economic reform must emanate from the awakening consciousness of man. One cannot legislate or lay down rules that will govern men when under a spell of hypnosis. You cannot organize men's thoughts and motives until they conform to each other. It is in this realm that all differences arise. One man is selfish, another is unselfish. One is successful and another is a failure. One has unusual strength and ability, while another is weak and incapable. One thinks only of his material welfare, and another thinks only of his spiritual welfare as entirely divorced from his outer nature. How can such diverging thoughts and feelings be organized into an harmonious mass? Only in man's innermost nature is he identical with his neighbor in thought and motive, and only through bringing out what is within can there be peace and harmony in the earth.

It is that which moves in man's innermost nature that is identical with the great Universal Mind or God. "The law of God is written in your inward parts." Mastership is bringing to the surface what is buried within. This is brought about only through deep meditation and consulting with the SELF, which is the only master one can ever find that will lead him to the goal of life.

Overcoming is all a matter of learning to drop all seeming conditions of mind, body and affairs, and begin life over again at its beginning. Start with the idea that you are that Self which you inwardly long to be and so devote yourself to being that Self that everything else is forgotten. Once you have found your Self, and have become that Self, you are a master and a world helper. Many such working together in Silence will spread an influence over the world more powerful than any movements that originate in the machinery of organized industry, war, or social reform. The effectiveness of one's life is not so much in what he does, but in how he does it, and how he does it is determined by the degree of himself he has discovered.

Merely speaking words and relying upon the power within them or the vibratory effect of the word never helps man to become a master. Words contain only that degree of power that

is admitted into them through the consciousness of the individual using them. That power is the depth of realization or the degree of consciousness back of them. It is not "words" that produce consciousness, nor is it "words" that heal the body or change the affairs. It is a matter of awakened realization that produces words and impels outer action, and the word or act is powerful only to the extent of this inner awakening.

The result of speaking or acting from outer motives not only produces an hypnotic condition of mind, but gives rise to the notion that there are two opposing minds, and carried on seems to divide the mind into many separate actions. Mind is a Unit and moves as a Unit and what seems to be dual-mindedness is only a dual set of ideas, one set evolved from outer impressions and one set originating in the natural state of mind as it originally moves. The mind is completely unified and harmonized by denial or rejection of every thought and impulse that does not spring from one's innermost nature. This clears up the entire stream of consciousness and leaves the individual free to think and act as he should in perfect harmony with the Universal Mind. This is the very essence of mastery.

Speaking and living in this oneness without sense of division is the greatest gift of man for

he was given "a sound mind" according to the Scriptures. In other words, he was started out into being in perfect oneness with his source; he was sound, whole, and Jesus said he must return to this state of sound-mindedness. "Tarry at Jerusalem until the Holy—whole—Spirit comes upon you" or until you return to that sense of oneness with the Universal Mind.

Spirit is Cause and when man returns to Cause, his Source, he becomes whole and sound. He is not only sound in mind, but sound in body and his affairs become sound for his entire being is united into that great Unity which is the essential nature of all things. It is the soundness or oneness of all things in and with Source. Soundness or unity cannot mean anything less than the whole. It cannot refer to any individual or part of the whole. It must refer to the oneness of the whole. Everything is a center of unity, or a center where the oneness of all things must be preserved and manifest. To localize or segregate any fact is to take it completely out of its nature and to lose its meaning altogether. When Christ spoke, "These and greater things shall ye do," or when Emil said "You can do these things just as easily as I can do them," they were speaking from this consciousness of the only true unity, the soundness of the individual in his relationship to and with the whole.

This life of oneness is the life of the masters, and anyone may live that life if he will drop his alliances with institutions and religions and races and nations and accept his alliance with the Universe. This is the "ark of the covenant" which enabled the Children of Israel to succeed, but when it was lost they failed to gain their liberty from opposition.

All separation is purely a matter of individual hypothesis. One cannot really be separated from the whole for he is created within it, is a part of it, and is like unto it. Love is the great unifier in the consciousness of man, and to keep oneself always in an attitude of love is to progress toward oneness. It is the only preserver of life and health and ability. One need not try to love everybody but he must eternally seek to keep his nature whole through the increase of love. When one's nature expands in love he will sooner or later find himself in a loving attitude toward all men, and in this attitude he not only lifts himself but all those around him into that same oneness. There are no divisions in an awakened sense of love.

One does not gain mastery or illumination by going to India and sitting at the feet of a master. One gains mastery by listening to the deepest facts of his own nature and by obeying what he there learns. There is no help that is needed that is not available instantly if one but turns in this

direction and proceeds from this fact. All the power of the Universe is back of every high motive, every true impulse that stirs in man's inner nature. It is like the germ of life within the seed, and all the forces of nature move to bring it forth into its full expression of all its potentialities. This is the manner of the masters, and their instruction is always that you must be true to the Self, live the life of the Self, express what is inherently true until you are outwardly what you inwardly long to be.

When man returns to this motive of life, all that there is in the Universe begins to move in upon him, to manifest itself through him. Not only must man have the intelligence to direct him, and the power to do that which is to be done, but also the substance that nourishes and supports him in the doing. There is no lack except in the realm of hypnotic ideas that have clouded his mind from reality. Back in his native oneness where he consciously receives what the Universe is pouring out upon him, there can be no lack in any phase of his being nor in his affairs.

The Quantum Theory is the approach of Science to this basic fact of life, and there can be no true science, religion, social structure nor successful living outside the undefeatable and indissoluble oneness of all things.

This is the road to mastery, the life of the masters, and the only true life there is. It is to be found just where you are in the secret places of your own inner nature. The masters teach that liberation is to be found in this and in no other way. Christ, speaking in the man Jesus, said the same thing when he said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." The same Christ in you speaks the same message to you. Your only contact with the Divine is the Divine in you. Your only contact with a master is through the mastery in yourself.

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